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UVic TAs vote on union

by Mary Vallis

Let the signings begin.

Last week, the first round of signing cards were distributed to teaching assistants (TAs) across campus–the first step towards unionizing an estimated 900 workers on the UVic campus.

The signings began Jan. 8 and will continue for 90 days. The cards will then be forwarded to the B.C. Labor Relations Board, where the decision will be made as to whether UVic's TAs can be certified to join the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

"So far, we've had a fairly positive response from people," said drive organizer Jodi Jensen.

The drive to unionize comes as the result of recent cutbacks in jobs and wages, which have intensified long-standing dissatisfaction among TAs, said Jensen.

Under the B.C. Labour Code, Jensen and Peter Lane of CUPE 4163 have to collect the signatures of 55 per cent of UVic TAs. Once certified by the Labor Board, TAs can begin to bargain with CUPE.

All employees defined as "specialist/instructionals" under UVic policy 1420 could be affected by the union. That includes academic assistants, laboratory assistants, research assistants and coaches. Graduates, undergraduates and community members can all hold such positions.

Recent cuts to UVic departments have affected employees in almost every corner of the university community, including TAs. A university-wide three per cent cutback in the 1997-8 school year is the first of three years of anticipated cuts across campus.

The average wage for a TA at UVic hovers around $16 per hour, although wages are calculated at a salary amount for the semester. Jensen said at UBC, where workers are a part of CUPE, TA wages average around $25 per hour.

Lane is confident the signing drive has support right across the UVic campus, whereas most TA unions get more support in some departments than in others.

"When TA unions have organized on other campuses, they've tended to be really successful in arts and met with apprehension in sciences," said Lane. At UVic, however, science students have been among the most vocal.

Last semester, TA positions in the biology department were cut from 43 to 33. In chemistry, TAs saw their work terms cut from a standard semester of 17 weeks to 14 weeks as the result of a directive from Vice President of Academics Penny Codding.

The three-week cutback was originally implemented three years ago. The chemistry department complied with the cutback for a year, then went back to their original 17-week schedule without a problem, said Laurel Clouson, a chemistry graduate student and TA. This fall the Chemistry department was asked to make the cut again. During the first semester of the winter session, it got special permission to follow the 17-week schedule, but as of January Chemistry TAs are back to 14 paid weeks.

Because undergraduate TAs don't have a minimum salary under Policy 1420, they took a 20 per cent pay cut. As a result, TAs teaching hours, office hours and some lab sections have been cut.

"It's time to negotiate a real contract," said Clouston.

"There's a long history of dissatisfaction on campus," Jensen. "[TAs] haven't been able to resolve problems and they keep recurring."

Since TAs have such short job terms and high turnover rates, said Jensen, until now there has been a low level of group organization.

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Sharing cultures, raising awareness

Martlet photo by Peter Booth

Drummers meet at a cross-cultural drum share in the Upper SUB Jan. 20. The drum share was part of Aboriginal awareness Week, Jan. 19 to 23 at UVic. The UVic Native Student Union and the Native Law Student Association sponsored the event, which also featured a week-long art show, a night of Aboriginal entertainment and a panel discussion on the Canadian government's "apology" for its mistreatment of First Nations People.

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Keeping University of Victoria students informed for 50 years

UVic Senate approves rally

by Kevin Woodley

Students worried about missing class to attend the National Student Day of Action rally January 28 got a break when the University of Victoria Senate passed a motion supporting the demonstration.

But there's a catch.

Senate approved the last-minute motion at their January 15 meeting after more than 45 minutes of debate.

According to the final motion, the Senate will support the National Day of Action against student debt, and faculty and students will be encouraged to reschedule any exams, quizzes and mandatory assignments scheduled for during the rally, Faculty will treat participation in the rally as grounds for academic concession for any student who requests it in advance.

"We are happy with the result," said Rob Fleming, UVic Students Society provincial executive representative to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). "We feel we have support of Senate for this issue and that faculty is willing to cut students a break if they choose to attend."

Getting Senate to cut students that break wasn't easy. Student senators had to concede to the stipulation that only students who request academic concession in advance will be eligible. That means students must give their professors formal warning they will be attending the rally, a requirement that wasn't in place when Senate passed support for the last CFS organized day of action, Feb.7, 1996.

The addition was necessary after faculty members raised concerns about whether or not their students would actually attend the rally. One Senate member said that short of obtaining a news photograph, complete with a time and the date indicated in the corner, professors would not know if an absent student had attended the demonstration.

Other UVic senators argued under the terms of academic concession normally provided to students who miss exams, quizzes or mandatory assignments for medical reasons, students are required to provide documentation for their absence. In this case that isn't possible, they said.

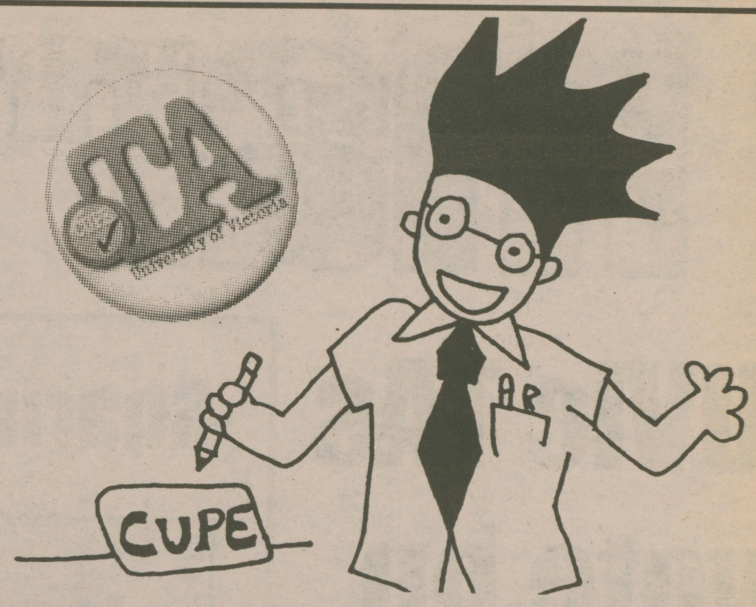
Student members of Senate were upset over the apparent lack of trust displayed at the meeting.

"[Student debt] is coming to a crisis point," said Kelly Sundberg, a student member of the Senate. "I would guess that 99 per cent of these students are going to be down at this demonstration."

Sundberg then invited faculty members of Senate to attend the rally themselves. "I think it is important that Senate support this and I encourage members of the Senate to attend and see for themselves that students are indeed down on the legislature lawn demonstrating."

Other concerns over the Senate approval included the lack of alternate time available to reschedule labs and tests, and potential problems arising if a large number of students use the rally as an excuse during an appeal. But Alison Preece, chair of the Senate appeals committee, said there were no student appeals after the 1996 rally and she didn't anticipate a problem this year.

"We seem to be inventing problems for ourselves where none actually exist," said Dr. John Money, who was acting as Senate chair in place of an absent David Strong.



TAs to unionize

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"It was the frustration of not being listened to that led them to look at [unionizing]," Lane added.

Simon Holgate, Graduate Students Society (GSS) vice president, said TAs across the UVic campus are concerned about arbitrary decisions being made about their jobs without formal input from the TAs themselves.

A survey commissioned by the GSS last fall found that more than 85 per cent of respondents were in favor of a "collective bargaining structure."

Last fall, the Graduate Student's Society (GSS) began to investigate the TA situation in response to graduate complaints. After two monthly meetings, the GSS established an independent committee to investigate options for TAs. As chair of the committee, Holgate and his peers met with Codding and her colleagues on Halloween before pursuing a union drive.

"After the first meeting [with Codding], we decided organizing was the only way to go," said Holgate.

"I thought it was a very positive meeting," said Codding. "We attempted the put all the issues on the table to decide the best course of action...it was a good start." While Codding declined to comment on the potential formation of the TA union, she confirmed she is aware of the union drive.

CUPE already represents TAs on 20 campuses across Canada, including the UBC. TAs at both UBC and Simon Fraser University unionized over a decade ago.

Jensen said UVic, with the exception of schools in Alberta, is one of the only large campuses in Canada where TAs haven't already unionized.

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Mt Tolmie tree lover gets broom bashed

by Anders Knudsen

Restoring the natural environment is risky business, Eric Redekop learned Tuesday.

Redekop has been organizing Broombash, a weekly exotic plant removal on Mount Tolmie since 1995. On Sundays in the summer and winter months, Redekop leads groups of volunteers to Mount Tolmie where they spend the morning pulling or cutting Scotch broom, Himalayan and Evergreen blackberry, and English ivy.

Redekop routinely spends time on Mount Tolmie alone, removing exotic plants to give native plants a better chance of survival. On Tuesday, he was cutting Himalayan blackberry near Mayfair Drive.

Just before noon, a white van drove up the street and parked at the side of the road, near the blackberry patch Redekop was removing. The van was marked with decals that read, "Harvest Tree."

The owner of the van, later identified as Adalber Ferron, emerged with a chainsaw.

Redekop had been concerned for some time about recent thefts of dead wood from Mount Tolmie– wood cut by Saanich Parks and Recreation, meant to be returned to the forest– which people were illegally removing themselves. He asked Ferron if he had ever taken wood from Mount Tolmie. When Ferron said he had been removing wood for some time, Redekop ran down Mayfair Drive, looking for someone to call the police.

Ferron started sawing into a dead log, Redekop ran towards him and reached for his chainsaw. Ferron swung his chainsaw out of the way, and pushed Redekop to the ground.

"I went to get wood, and this guy just came out of nowhere in a rage, yelling and screaming," said Ferron.

Martlet photo by Anders Knudsen

Environmentalist and Mount Tolmie Broom-bash organizer, Eric Redekop, tries to avoid the attack of Adalber Ferron. The confrontation started after Ferron tried to use a chainsaw to cut wood from a dead tree near Mayfair Drive. Saanich police are currently investigating.

Ferron said he was removing the wood for his parents' fireplace.

"He had no business there," said Ferron. "I'm just picking up wood. It's city property, not his property."

Redekop said the wood was nobody's property, and was meant to be put back into the forest. Earlier, Redekop had spoken about the need for people to stop claiming ownership over land.

"In a sense, a dead tree is more living than it was before," said Redekop. "It is a mistake for our society to associate land as a possession, something separated from human beings."

Redekop then sat on the log, preventing Ferron from sawing any further. At this point, Ferron called Redekop a "jealous idiot," and Redekop replied he had no right to take the wood.

Ferron then returned to his van and slowly drove back the way he came. But five minutes later, the sound of a chainsaw roared from up the road, and Redekop gave chase. About 150 metres down Mayfair Drive, Ferron was sawing into another dead log.

This time, Ferron saw Redekop coming, and came out to the road to meet him. When Redekop reached the van, Ferron grabbed him and threw him to the ground.

Redekop got back to his feet and stepped into a windmill punch in the jaw, sending him to the ground, and causing him to temporarily black out. Redekop said he did not react violently during the confrontation because it would have hurt his case against Ferron.

According to Ferron, Redekop ran towards him first, and was holding a pair of pruning shears in a threatening manner.

"He had these hand shears in his hand; he threatened to jab me with them," said Ferron. "He ran at me like a madman."

At one point during the incident, Redekop said he had to vandalize Ferron's tires with his shears, to prevent him from leaving the scene. Redekop clipped a wire out of Ferron's rear tail-light as he attempted to drive away.

Redekop suffered a mild concussion as a result of the altercation. He has contacted police, who are currently investigating the case.

"I don't care very much about the assault, I want to get him on the tree theft," said Redekop. "Assault is something that happens every day, but tree theft, that's news."

Redekop is still going ahead with the last Broombash of the winter, on Sunday Jan. 25. It starts at nine a.m., and volunteers can follow flagging tape from Mayfair Drive.

University senators debate gender equity

by Michael Kamitakahara

An attempt to guarantee a spot for at least one male on program review committees caused a heated debate in the university senate.

Senate member Sean Haffey meet with criticism from both faculty and student representatives when he proposed two gender equity clauses be amended during the Jan. 4 senate meeting.

Haffey argued a policy change which called for "at least one woman" on program review committees isn't fair to men. He asked the senate to vote on amending the change to read "one member of each gender".

"I find it interesting that the idea of an all female committee is somehow inherently better than a committee of mixed gender," said Haffey whose motion was soundly defeated by the senate after a spirited discussion.

Penelope Codding, chair of the senate committee on planning, lead the argument against changing the policy. She said the "level playing field" amendment would weaken the policy.

"Representation of women at universities historically has been small in number and this institution over the last few years has been trying in its attempt to implement the equity policies to hire more females and persons of the other designated groups into faculty positions," said Codding. She added that the amendment is unnecessary because she couldn't recall any all-female program review committees.

David Cohen, the Dean of Law, supported Codding's view by saying that men have historically been an advantaged group. "It's silly to say that we ought to do something to help a group that is already historically advantaged," he said.

Senate passed the "at least one woman" policy change with a majority vote.

Student representative Morgan Stewart also supported Codding's view, pointing out that the "at least one woman" policy neutralizes the inherent disadvantage women currently face. He said it was ignorant to support the amendment while members sitting in the senate chambers are watched over by photographs of past presidents, all of whom are male.

One of the few senate members to support the idea behind the amendments was Dr. Reg Mitchell, a chemistry professor at UVic.

"It ought to work both ways. There should be at least one member of both genders represented," said Mitchell.

Mitchell supported the amendment for the process of internal program reviews, but not for the change to the process of external reviews. He said in some cases the external review committee, which only includes three members, needs to be an all woman committee. But the internal review committee, which includes five members, should include representatives from both genders.

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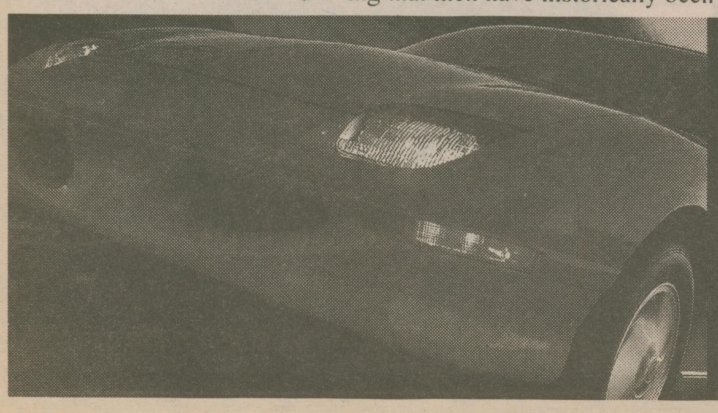

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Victorians march for peace

by Holland Gidney

Over 300 people walked the streets of Victoria on Jan.19 in solidarity for justice and non-violence.

The walk, the first of its kind it Victoria, coincided with the Jan. 15 birthday of American civil rights leader Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Jan. 25 anniversary of the death of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, a Jewish philosopher and theologian.

"This walk will attempt to galvanize the community to move in the spirit of King and Heschel," said Janna Ginsberg, a member of the King and Heschel Remembrance Committee who orgainized the walk.

King and Heschel walked together in 1964 in a five-day march for justice from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. Similar walks, in remembrance of King, have been held in the United States, which has observed Martin Luther King Day since 1986. Last year a march in San Diego attracted 17,000 people.

"With the outbreak of teen violence [in Victoria], we wanted something that would involve people," said Ginsberg. "We invited schools, church groups, cultural groups and local dignitaries."

A variety of religious, youth and political groups, many sporting colorful banners, turned out for the event, including Quakers for Peace, the Jewish Socialist Youth Movement, the Victoria Labour Council, and Pagans, Witches and Wiccans in Canada.

Participants in the walk gathered at Centennial Square before walking up Pandora Street to the Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue.

Martlet photo by Holland Gidney

Participants in the Walk for Justice and Non-violence enter the Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue.

As walkers crossed Douglas Street, drivers honked their horns at participants, not in support, but to force their way through the intersection. In the spirit of non-violence, participants were peaceful and stopped the march to let cars through.

A celebration of remembrance at the synagogue followed the walk.

Rabbi Victor Reinstein, rabbi for the Congregation Emanu-El for the past 15 years, was one of the afternoon's last speakers.

"Non-violence is not simply the absence of violence, it is a tool for change, a way of life," said Reinstein. He also spoke of the need to remember King and Heschel. "Part of their legacy to us is to express faith through action."

He called for those assembled to "pray with their legs," referring to the Selma-to-Montgomery march where Heschel is quoted as saying, "I felt my legs were praying."

Those gathered in the synagogue on Sunday ended the afternoon in the same fashion that King ended many of his famous marches–with arms linked, singing "We Shall Overcome."

There were other presentations and songs, as well as dances by students from Maxwell Bahair School.

New travel fund for undergrads

by Darren Stewart

From now on,UVic students will have a little more money in their pockets to help them get from point A to point B.

The University of Victoria's Students' Society (UVSS) has established an undergraduate travel pool, a fund that course unions and individual students can apply for to offset travel and accommodation costs of attending conferences, competitions, and meetings.

The UVSS established a democratic way to make funding available in order to recognize that students' ability to participate in academic conferences is often limited by financial difficulties.

"It's a way of encouraging students to participate," said Anita Zaenker, UVSS director of academics.

"We've identified a need for this type of thing, not only from students this year, but also anecdotally from students of past years," she said.

The travel pool will initially be funded out of the Course Union Control Account but in future semesters funding will come out of student fees–$0.05 of the $0.75 per student per term of Course Union fees.

"Every year we allocate money to the course unions which isn't always entirely spent. We're taking $3000 from the Control Account to start," Zaenker said.

Any undergrad student registered in two or more undergrad classes may apply for funding.

Students in the faculties of Law, Commerce, Education, and Engineering are not eligible.

"Those faculties have more autonomy over their fees and are in a better position to provide funding through their student societies," said Zaenker.

Decisions regarding allocations from the Undergraduate Travel Pool will be made by the Course Union Council and approved by the UVSS board of directors.

Applicants must follow a particular criteria, and the activity for which funding is needed must be academic.

"The group or student also must have a commitment to present back to the UVSS or related course union. We'd expect a report on the conference," said Zaenker.

Aaron Hokanson, Political Science Course Union vice-president, received funding along with the Chemistry and Earth and Ocean Science course unions.

Hokanson said the money will be used to offset the travel costs of getting to a Canadian Political Science Student Association conference in Calgary.

Hokanson supports the travel pool. "It's a very useful initiative, as it recognizes the productive and useful function of the events which students wish to attend," he said.

"The process by which the money is approved is democratic, fair, and rewards those who do a lot of preparation. All in all, it's a good thing," Hokanson said.

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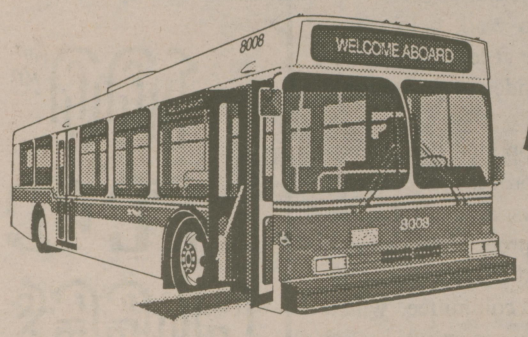

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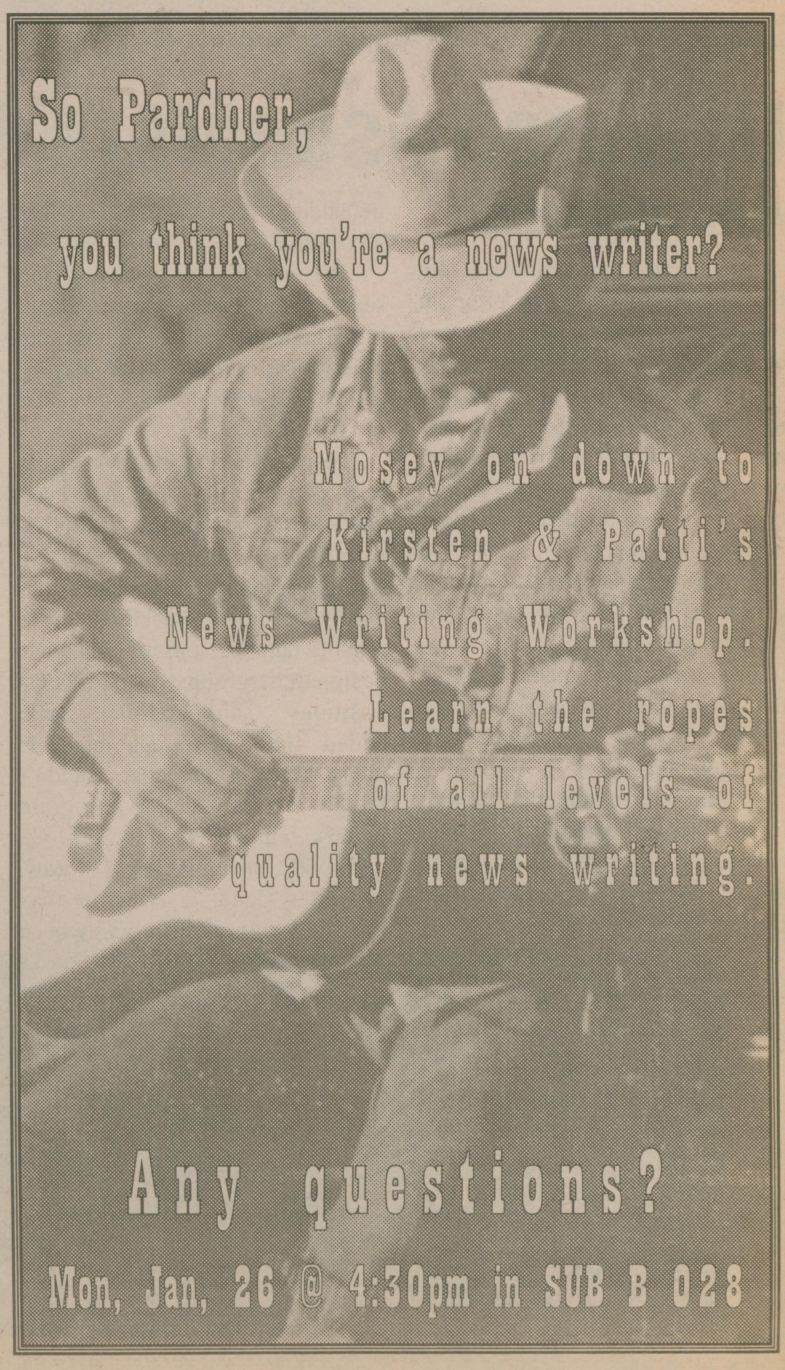
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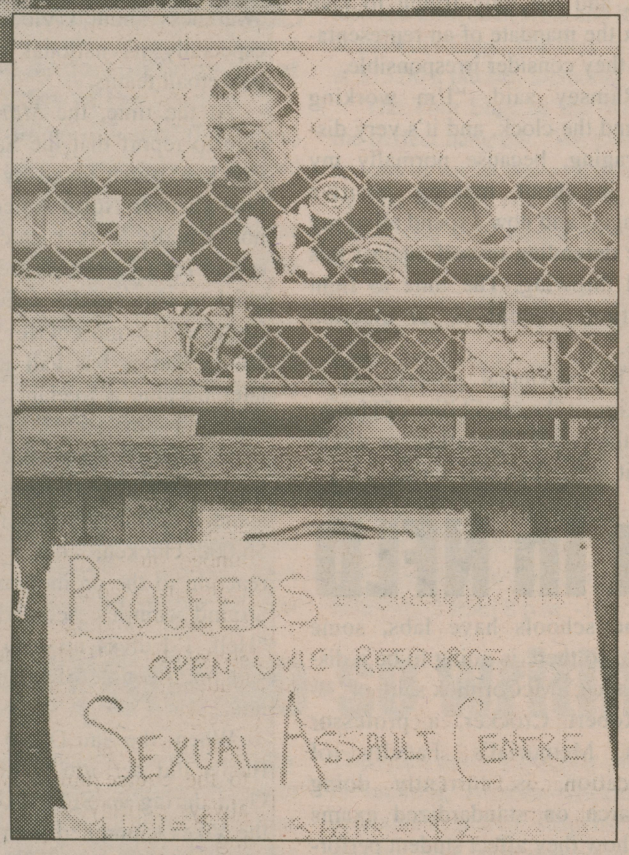
Dunk the Editor.

Martlet editor-in-chief, Kevin Woodley, takes a bath in the dunk tank outside the SUB last week.

The dunk tank event raised $350–$275 went to the sexual assault centre and $75 went to muscular dystrophy.

Three of Woodley's nine trips into the cold water came from the arms of *Martlet* staff. Three others came from members of the UVSS. Must have something to do with quotes of the week.



Canada's morality questioned at local mock trial

by Miranda Post

A class of high school students put Canada's moral conscience to jury last week.

In a mock trial Lansdowne Junior Secondary students debated over whether or not Canada is indifferent to human rights abuses in Tibet by the occupying Chinese government.

After hearing arguments from students pretending to represent Canada, Tibet and China, the student jury found Canada guilty.

Claire Atkinson, the teacher who supervised the project, said the underlying message of the trail was to raise awareness and make a social comment about Canada's shameful tolerance of human rights abuses in Tibet.

The mock trail opened with Tibet's student lawyers questioning witnesses, including a student playing a Tibetan Buddhist monk and another playing a tourist.

The lawyers raised concerns over Chinese sanctioned forced abortions and sterilization of Tibetan women, the disappearance of the Panchen Lama, and the torture of prisoners arrested for possessing photos of Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dali Lama.

China's mock lawyers drew on the testimony of a Chinese merchant living in Tibet, a historian, and notorious Japanese cult leader Shoko Asahara, all role-played by students.

Megan Duestewald, who played the Chinese merchant, testified that her life as a Chinese person in Tibet had improved since the occupation because of China's economic policies.

"Since China has taken over, the stagnant economy of Tibet has progressed," she said. "China has spent over 35 billion yen on economic development and overthrowing the old serfdom has increased human rights."

Canada's student lawyers relied on testimonies by various bureaucrats such as student's representing the Canadian External Affairs Minister, United Nations representatives to Canada and a Canadian businessman.

When asked what the UN is doing to protect human rights in Tibet, mock UN representative Ben Richman said the UN has passed bills declaring that cultural genocide is occurring in Tibet.

However, when asked why the UN hasn't intervened in the situation, Richman said the UN "didn't want to start major issues with China."

Students began researching the mock trial last October, after expressing an interest in Tibet during their social studies class.

The students did most of their research on the internet.

Local group sponsoring refugee at UVic

by Mike Cox

A small group of students operating under the World University Services of Canada (WUSC) is looking to sponsor a refugee student next year at UVic.

WUSC, an Ottawa-based organization, has groups across Canada on university and college campuses that helps bring refugee students into Canada.

"We've had a club at UVic for a number of years," said Adrienne Fast, a member of the UVic WUSC association.

"Right now we're trying to get a student for next year," she said.

UVic has applied to WUSC Ottawa, but there are only a certain number of students that WUSC can choose from, Fast said, and not all of those students are chosen to enter the country.

Student refugees enter Canada as landed immigrants with a commitment from local committees that they will be provided with a full year of material support.

The majority of that support comes from students at UVic.

A two-dollar fee added to tuition fees goes toward sponsoring a refugee student at UVic.

"We usually are able to get the student on-campus housing" said Fast.

"And we try to take care of them by buying books, clothes and school supplies," she said. "Let's face it, when refugees come to Canada they usually don't have a lot."

Tuition and rent are fully paid for refugee students and often the university tries to find them work-study jobs so they can earn extra money.

Fast said it is through the commitment of volunteers that this program has been successful.

UVic's WUSC student group at UVic will meet January 23rd from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the basement of the SUB by the clubs room.

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Ramsey faces recall petition

by Erin Fitzpatrick

PRINCE GEORGE (CUP) – As the B.C. education minister faces the possibility of being booted out of office by his constituents, debate is raging over the provincial recall legislation being used by discontented voters.

The NDP government introduced a law earlier in its mandate through which constituents could force their legislative representative to resign. And now one of their own – Prince George North MLA Paul Ramsey – could face this very fate.

If 40 per cent of eligible voters in the minister's constituency–that's 8,908 people– sign a recall petition before Feb. 3, Ramsey will be forced to resign by March 15 and a by-election will be called for the riding.

"This isn't about politics, it's about a lack of representation and accountability," Pertti Harkonen, the Prince George resident who launched the recall motion on behalf of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, said.

Harkonen said Ramsey told his constituents there would be a surplus in the province's coffers when most likely he knew there would be a deficit.

"It's about an MLA who has not adequately represented the citizens of Prince George North," Harkonen said. "Ramsey should have stood up and told us the truth, but he didn't, he towed the party line."

Ramsey said the budget matter was an honest mistake.

"This isn't about politics, it's about a lack of representation and accountability."

"We made a mistake," he said. "We were too optimistic in our calculations, but this is not the case of an MLA who neglected his duties."

Neil Moncton of Citizens For Local Democracy, the group handling Ramsey's side of the campaign, said this recall petition and others like it being circulated in the province are actually ploys to reduce the NDP's slim majority in the provincial legislature.

He said he is also concerned about the involvement of special interest groups like the Canadian Taxpayer's Federation in the recall campaign.

"This is not about Paul, or local issues," Moncton said. "The group leading this thing is not from Prince George, and recall was intended to be a tool for dissatisfied constituents," Moncton said. He added there are also those involved in the recall campaign who oppose Ramsey's decision to allow books featuring same-sex parents in B.C. schools.

Harkonen said there is nothing partisan about the recall campaign. He adds that organizers do not want to re-fight the provincial election, and are only trying to take back the mandate of an representative they consider irresponsible.

Ramsey said, "I'm working around the clock, and it's very discouraging, because normally my job is about making positive changes, and now I spend all of my time defending myself against this mud throwing. The time to fight elections should be at election time."

The provincial government is looking at the possibility of changing the recall legislation, or ditching it altogether, this spring.

Students flunking out in NFLD

by Jeanette Taylor

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) – The number of students failing in their first semester at Memorial University has more than doubled in just two years, and critics are blaming the lack of standardized testing in Newfoundland.

A total of 476 of 2,369 first-year students flunked last semester, a failure rate of 20 per cent. Two years ago only nine per cent of first semester students failed their first term, while last year the number rose slightly to 12 per cent.

Critics are putting the blame squarely on the provincial government, which cancelled standardized exit exams for high school students two years ago in order to save $650,000.

"Without having standardized testing you cannot really tell whether the students are prepared or not," Penny McCormick, vice-president of academic affairs with Memorial's student union, said.

She said the transition to university is more difficult for some students than others.

"It depends completely on where [the students] are from. Unfortunately you don't have all the materials across the province. Some schools have labs, some don't, so there is going to be a discrepancy," McCormick said.

Robert Crocker, a professor with Memorial's Faculty of Education, is currently doing research on standardized exams and how they affect student performance at the university level. He said high school grades have become inflated since then standardized exams were cancelled.

"Since the cancellation of public examinations, average high school grades have gone up, therefore creating weaker students," he said. "This may be the reason for the university accepting weaker students."

For the past three years, students have required a minimum average of 70 per cent to be accepted by Memorial.

Failing students, however, are getting a break from the university. Last fall it introduced a new readmission policy which allows students who fail one semester to return the following semester without penalty.

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The Truth is in Here...

by Christine Hart

Welcome to 1981- the year that will be forever etched in the hearts and minds of UVic alma mater as the year the San Diego Chicken paid a visit to the UVic campus.

At $6,000 for a two-day booking, UVic students weren't sure whether they were getting a celebrity chicken or a high-priced turkey. According to the Athletics department of the day, the pricey poultry was part of a campaign to increase campus and community awareness about UVic's athletes, especially its national champion basketball teams.

At the time, the *Martlet* took care to report that the San Diego Chicken, much loved by baseball fans all over North America, was not actually a real chicken, but comic Ted Giannoulas dressed as a chicken. Giannoulas used to perform as the mascot for the San Diego Padres baseball team, but later became a freelance clucker, raking in some $600,000 per year.

Dale Ede, vice president of the then student government, had some misgivings about renting a $6,000 chicken, and a common reaction to the promotion scheme around campus seemed to be: "Hell, I'd dress up in a chicken suit for a couple of hundred dollars."

When the San Diego Chicken finally did perform at McKinnon Gym during an SFU/Vikes game, the Vikes triumphed with the help of the chicken's crowd-pleasing, egg-laying shenadigans.

But the infamous San Diego chicken wasn't the only highlight of 1981. The year marked ever-present education cutbacks, protests and the coming of UVic's own radio station.

The Oct. 8 issue of the *Martlet* covered student protests on the front page. Students were demonstrating in all four Maritime capitals. For example, on Sept. 30, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, students dumped a coffin representing post-secondary education into the city harbor. Later, a group of 800 students of 4,000 demonstrating managed to break into the legislature and occupy it for about an hour.

Around UVic, an impending $1.5 billion transfer payment cut to post-secondary education, spawned a November protest at University Centre. The UVic Alma Mater Society (AMS), now the UVic Students' Society, which sponsored the rally, brought out seven speakers, including then-president Howard Petch, who came to speak in support of the over 800 students who turned out.

Many students found Petch's suggestions for student action unhelpful, and the rally later degenerated into a "Petch Roast," causing student leaders to admit afterward that "having Dr. Petch speak may have been a mistake."

Interestingly, only four days before the rally, the AMS voted in favor of a motion to apply for "protective membership" in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). The final vote was eight to five in favor of prospective membership. Executive director Donna Morgan, who lead the attack on the membership motion, characterized the CFS as "unprofessional, with a juvenile insistence on ethereal objectives." She added UVic's supposed ability to effect change in the CFS was "crap."

Earlier in the year, student John Cotter requested office space to start a radio station at UVic. Leading the student group of radiophiles, Cotter convinced the Board of Directors (BoD) that the club deserved assistance. Director Lisa Tansey was so convinced that she, "offered to do mortal harm to her fellow directors who opposed the motion." The BOD unanimously recommended the space allocation to the SUB management Board.

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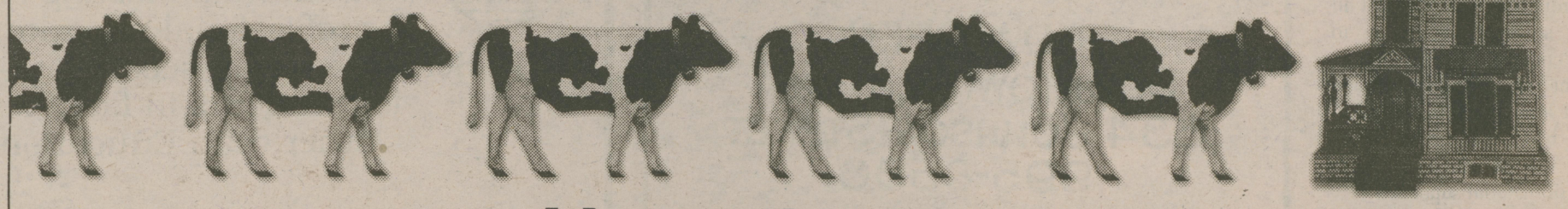

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Team Canada loses human rights game

by Jeremy Nelson

OTTAWA (CUP) – The Team Canada trade mission to Latin America is almost over and while millions of dollars worth of business deals have been signed, human rights groups say almost no progress has been made addressing poverty and oppression faced by millions in the area.

"[Prime Minister Jean] Chretien doesn't just go to [these countries] representing business, he goes representing all Canadians, and very many Canadians are concerned, [for example], about the human rights situation in Mexico," Suzanne Rumsey, a representative of the Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America, said.

Government and business representatives, as well as representatives from 18 Canadian universities, are participating in the two-week trade mission to Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico, which wraps up at the end of this week.

The growing militarization of Mexico has come under increasing public scrutiny following the massacre of 45 civilians several weeks ago, reportedly by government troops.

"We want Chretien to say something about the human rights abuses, and not just in private meetings, but publicly, so we can hear it and so Mexicans can hear it," Rumsey said.

Dexter Bishop, a representative for the Department of International Trade, said the Canadian government is dealing with human rights abuses on the trip, but maintains they are not the focus of the Team Canada trade mission.

"These are primarily business missions," Bishop said. "Now that said, they do touch on human rights because with the presence of the Prime Minister on the mission and politicians of high levels, we tend to use the opportunity to discuss a variety of topics."

Bishop said the federal government has also been working to set up development and aid programs in Latin America, and following the recent massacre in Chiapas, Mexico, donated $60,000 to the Red Cross.

"It's not a huge amount of money, but it's money that goes far in a place like Mexico," he said.

But according to the head of Citizens Concerned about Free Trade, all the donations in the world will not solve the human rights problems if Canada continues to put free trade with its southern neighbours at the top of its agenda.

"Ghandi called free trade the curse and bondage of India, and what he said then is still true today for the majority of the world's population," said David Orchard, chair of Citizens Concerned about Free Trade.

"Since the North American Free Trade Agreement has gone into place, unemployment in Mexico has doubled and their currency is worth half of what it was before," he said.

The trade mission to Latin America comes as a precursor to a free trade agreement with the Americas (excluding Cuba), scheduled to be signed in April.

"For all the rhetoric you hear from Canadian business about ethical investing, they're out to make a buck"

Canada has to accept some responsibility for the poverty and oppression in Mexico because they stemmed, in large part, from the implementation of NAFTA, Rumsey said.

"Our foreign policy should be about more than trade," she said, adding that in recent years Canada has slashed international aid programs while pumping more and more money into trade ventures.

"For all the rhetoric you hear from Canadian business about ethical investing, they're out to make a buck, and they're benefiting from the inequities in these countries," Rumsey said.

She said Canada should be pushing for clauses in their trade agreements with Latin American countries that ensure the protection of human and democratic rights, similar to what the European Union has included in a recent, albeit tentative, agreement with Mexico.

These clauses, Rumsey said, would make Canadian trade and investment contingent on democratic and social reforms in the country they are trading with.

But Bishop disagreed, saying such clauses, in many cases, are not worth the paper they are written on.

"What we really want to do is try to affect some real change, and we find that isn't affected very deeply by the number of treaties you sign," he said.

Former dean gets quarter-million for dismissal

by Michael Connors

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) – Memorial University has reached an out-of-court settlement worth over $250,000 with former Dean of Science Alan Law over a wrongful dismissal suit.

The two sides reached the deal Jan. 13, one day before the suit was scheduled to go to court.

Law was dismissed as dean last July when senior administration said it had lost confidence in his ability to lead the Faculty of Science. The executive council of the Board of Regents, Memorial's highest governing body, made the decision to dismiss Law solely on the advice of senior administrators without ever hearing from Law himself.

Law claimed proper procedure had not been followed and quickly launched a legal challenge.

In the settlement document, Memorial's lawyers agreed the university failed to follow proper procedures by not giving Law a fair chance to defend himself to the Board of Regents.

Under the deal, the board rescinded its decision to dismiss Law, who then voluntarily resigned as dean. Law is now considered to be on leave with pay until June 30, 2000, at which point he will be granted early retirement with an annual pension of $13,000.

He will not be required to teach or do research, but will still receive a total salary of $253,000 over the next two-and-a-half years. Law will also be compensated $7,500 for the period between his dismissal and the settlement.

But despite the agreement to rescind Law's dismissal, the university does not admit any wrong-doing beyond the way in which the former dean was dismissed, Peter Morris, a spokesperson for the university, said.

"The decision to change the dean still stands. And now we can move on and get a new dean of science and get the kind of leadership and direction that the university requires in the Faculty of Science," Morris said.

Law, who did not speak to media during the lawsuit, said he isn't particularly happy with the settlement, but is glad the matter is finally over and believes his reputation may be repaired somewhat.

The university does not admit any wrong-doing beyond the way in which the former dean was dismissed.

"I've never in 36 years had anyone sully my reputation in any way, and I view the reinstatement as somewhat of a vindication," he said. "I thought it was a bit of a cloud over my head, but now that cloud is gone."

Law was critical of the university for allowing the matter to drag on for so long, especially because he was scheduled to teach three courses this semester. He was instead forced to clear out of his office Jan. 18.

"They made a muck-up of it the whole way through," he said. "If they'd done this three weeks ago we wouldn't have been scrambling to cover classes."

Law's firing sparked widespread outrage across the university community at what many felt was a summary dismissal which the dean did not have a chance to defend himself against.

Robert Adamec, chair of the Committee of Concerned Faculty, said he is happy with the settlement, although he is worried about how the pay-out will be absorbed by the university.

"I thought it was a justifiable outcome to what I felt was a very badly handled issue," he said. "[But] I'm unhappy for the university because someone has got to pay for this. It will have to come out of an already overburdened budget that's already in deficit."

Adamec said the money should be taken from the personal budgets allocated for senior administrators, rather than money earmarked for academic programs.

Morris said the university should be able to absorb the cost.

In the meantime, the university's faculty representatives say the settlement casts Memorial in a bad light, and are calling for a review of the senior administrators responsible for Law's dismissal. Law agrees, adding the senior administration acted as if it is not accountable to the faculty and students of Memorial.

Law is particularly concerned about the actions of Vice-President Academic Jaap Tuinman, who originally recommended he be dismissed.

"Tuinman has made a mess of this by creating one for me... and I would think the Board of Regents ought to have a look at the job Dr. Tuinman is doing," he said.

Tuinman could not be reached for comment.

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EDITORIAL

Aboriginal Awareness Week: "We are rising...."

This year, Aboriginal Awareness Week comes at a time when it is clear how the issues affecting aboriginal peoples involve the settlers of this hemisphere.

One month ago today, 45 people, mostly women and children, were murdered while praying for peace in Acteal, Chiapas. These people were supporters of the Zapatista Army of National Liberation (EZLN), an indigenous organization that opposes the international corporate agenda which threatens to extinguish their land rights and ultimately their existence.

Chiapas, Mexico's southern province, is populated mostly by Mayan peoples whose land is rich in natural resources which corporations in Canada are aching to exploit for our consumption. Oil, hydro-electric energy, cheap labour, tobacco, coffee, rainforests and suspected uranium deposits are just some of the 'products' the Canadian government and corporate representatives are chasing down on their current trade mission to Mexico and South America.

Recently, Canadians have awakened to the real threats to their freedoms posed by the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and the Association of Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC). These agreements ultimately hand over national jurisdiction of land and resources to investors and corporations. The only real barrier federal and provincial governments face in signing away our resources is that they don't have the legal jurisdiction to do so. Much of Canada and all of B.C. is, according to international and domestic law, still under aboriginal jurisdiction, because the settler governments have not purchased the land through treaties. This is a reality that the current governments of Canada and B.C. perpetually deny, and it doesn't take a wizard to figure out why this is so: There are major resources at stake.

Thus far, the only people to fight the sale of 'Canadian' lands has been aboriginal people—because the land is still legally theirs, though few people in Canada, and internationally, seem eager to support this
reality. And the aboriginals who actively push for their sovereignty, risk their lives for the upholding of the rule of law, while most of us sit back and watch them be quashed with violence.

In the summer of 1995, at Gustafsen Lake and Stony Point, aboriginal sovereignty and claims of jurisdiction were suppressed by the federal and provincial police as well as the federal army. At Gustafsen, 77,000 rounds of ammunition were fired into a camp containing 18 people—mostly aboriginal elders, women and children—wounding one unarmed woman and killing a dog. A land mine was also used to blow up a truck during an assault by RCMP in what was designated the no-shoot zone.

At Stony Point, unarmed aboriginals reclaiming their nations' sacred burial grounds were beaten and shot at by the Ontario Provincial Police, leaving one man, Dudley George, dead from a gunshot wound to the chest. Kenneth Deane, the OPP officer charged in George's deathwas tried and convicted and was found to have knowingly fired upon an unarmed man. Deane and several other OPP officers were proven to have lied to the court in the course of the trial. Yet Deane received no jail time, a decision by the judge which outraged aboriginals and should have outraged everyone nationwide.

The violence toward, and the lies about, aboriginals in Canada and the rest of the world are sponsored and paid for by the majority of the settlers who live off the blood of aboriginal lands and peoples. Awareness is necessary to put an end to the horror shows of Chiapas, Gustafsen Lake, and Stony Point.

The Zapatistas declare: "Our blood and our word have lit a small fire in the mountain and we walk a path against the house of money and the powerful.... A new world war is waged, but now against the entire humanity. As in all world wars, what is being sought is a new distribution of the world.... We are rising."

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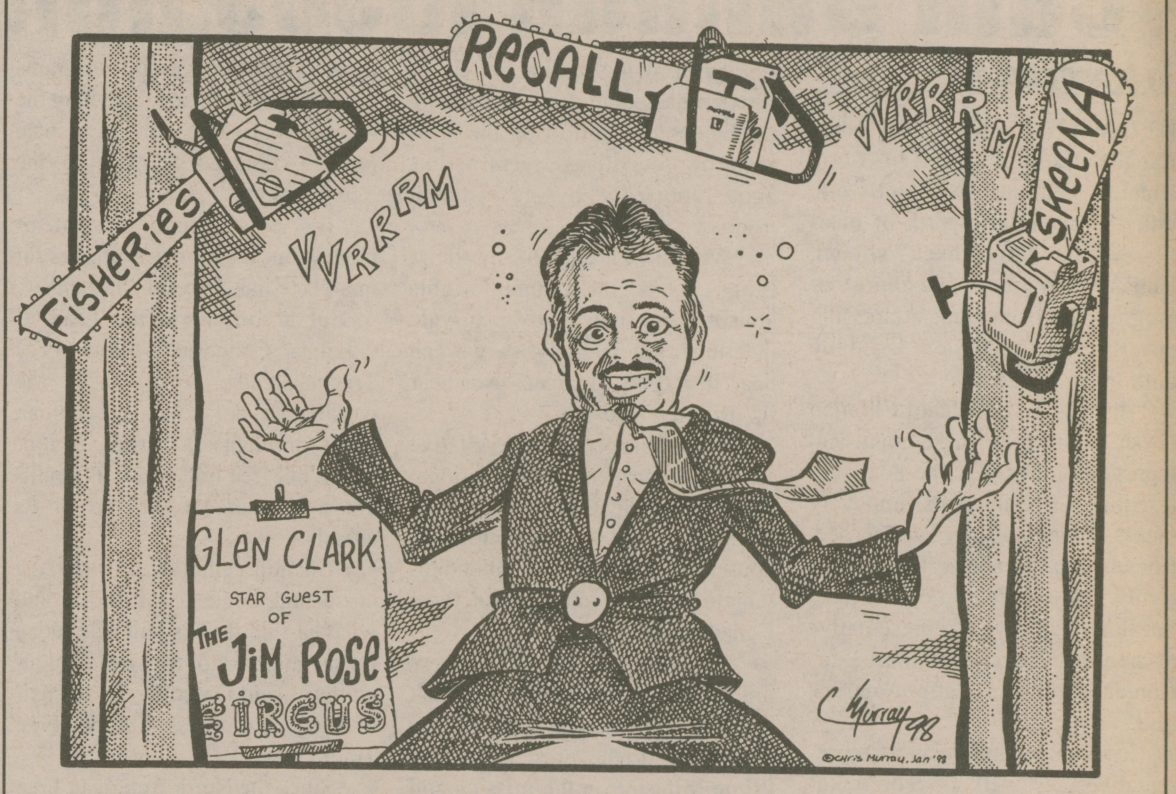

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Jesus loves me this I know

Editors,

Re: Nov. 27' 97 Martlet Feature Article: Yes, Jesus does love transsexuals!

After reading Karen Ann Bower's story in the Marlet this week, I am deeply sorry for her pain as she has been rejected by a local church, by friends, and by others passing her on the streets. Certainly this is wrong. Jesus, too, knows what rejection is.

Jesus, who befriended and empathized with people his society rejected, was beaten, mocked, and crucified publicly. Despite such abuse he maintained that, "God did not send his Son [Jesus] into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:17).

Therefore the church is supposed to be comprised of people who, no matter what their struggle (and everyone has some), are honestly acknowledging their need for God. Jesus does not look at the outward appearance, as we do, but looks at the heart. He would have commended and encouraged Karen for her determination to obey God by obstaining from extramarital sex. Those claiming to be Christians ought to follow Jesus' example, and be more understanding and accepting of others.

Sincerely,

Michael Stephen

Union supports T.A.s

Editors;

On behalf of CUPE local 3903, please accept this message of encouragement for those organizing at UVIC.

As a former graduate student and TA at UVic, I know well how much such an effort is needed and can benefit those who work there now as TAs, Research Assistants and others. The work involved is sure to be difficult but having been involved in CUPE local 3903, I also know that the results are definitely worth it.

I wish you the best of luck in the attempt to certify and hope to hear positive news soon!

Derek Hrynyshyn
Comminications Office
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M.A.I. I say something

Editors;

The stench of moral putrefaction wafting from Parliament Hill has become almost paralyzing.

Recently we discovered that Sergio Marchi, without a word to the Canadian public or to our elected representatives, was rushing to sign the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). The MAI is fundamentally undemocratic in that it binds Canada to its obligations beyond the term of the elected government (20 years) and elevates an international trade tribunal above the Supreme Court of Canada. Even so, it can't be legally challenged as unconstitutional until after it is signed - which will be too late.

The MAI has devastating implications for regional development, small business, the environment, and by extension, quality of life. Mr. Marchi says Canada needs agreements like the MAI, but he can't explain why. Barry Appleton, recognized as North America's premier legal expert on free trade, says the MAI will be disastrous for Canada in general and our health care system in particular. I believe Mr. Appleton.

But most appalling about the MAI and trade liberalization is the philosophy behind them. Their purported intent is to eliminate discrimination against investors; but there are good reasons for discrimination. They are the same reasons we don't let drunks drive or pedophiles teach our children.

A harsh example: In Asia, children are sold into slavery, a practice known as bonded labour. On hands and knees twenty hours a day, working for subsistence, making handknotted carpets for export. A foundation known as Rugmark certifies rugs not produced by bonded labour. When the Canadian Anti-Slavery Group asked that importers be required to carry the Rugmark label, the Chrétien government refused, saying that such a requirement could harm trade.

Under whose twisted idea of morality will we be living for the next twenty years?

Now we discover that in February Canada will be signing the Financial Services Industries Agreement (FSIA), another agreement negotiated in complete secrecy under the auspices of the World Trade Organization. Under the MAI, the Bank of Canada may be privatized, and under the FSIA it will go to the highest bidder - probably American. Kiss the Canadian dollar good-bye. The depth of duplicity by the Chrétien government is horrifying.

In the seventies the Joe Clark government fell to a vote of non-confidence. It's long past time for the Chrétien government to face a similar test.

Sincerely,

Jim Tucker

No time for crime

Re: "Crimestoppers on Campus" editorial

I am writing your newspaper to correct some facts about the University of Victoria Crime Stoppers Program. In your Opinion-Editorial section of the January 14, 1998 editor, you state that this is a Campus Security (CSEC) program. The Campus Crimestoppers Program is being run by volunteer students and was only set up by CSEC. There are currently two students on the crime Stoppers Board of Directors who will oversee and run this program. CSEC will not be involved with the ongoing operation of the program. Any assistance that we will need will come from the main Victoria Crimestoppers office downtown and their Board of Directors.

The Campus Crimestoppers program is a crime prevention tool only. It is to help make students and staff take a more active role in minimizing crime and to ensure we have a safer environment to work and study in. The purpose of the program is not to have students "rat

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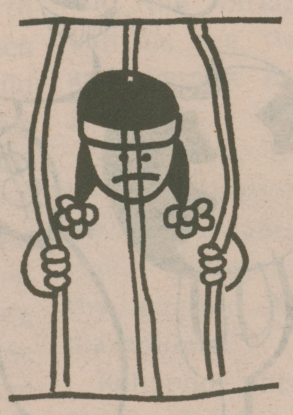
"rat" on other students. The only people who should be afraid of this program are the people planning on perform a criminal act.

"Campus crime" is not "rampant" at the University of Victoria. The University is a safe environment for the population to work and study in. With the assistance of such CSEC proactive measures and crime prevention programs, and the student run Campus Crimestoppers program, we are in a safe environment at the University.

Campus Security are resorting to pay for their information, how wrong this is! This program is operating in conjunction with the Victoria Crimestoppers program downtown. The Victoria CS office will receive all the information, pass the information to the respective Police agency and also pay out the tip money. CSEC has no part in any of this.

This is a very positive crime prevention program for UVic and we will all benefit from it if we all are the eyes and ears within our environment.

L Zadnik
Campus Crimestoppers Student Board Member



Soapbox

Profs should take the Day of Action more seriously

Morgan Baker's sociology class seems pretty hip; in the class I attended last Friday, he regaled us with stories of dropping out of UBC, hitchhiking across the country, and his involvements in protests in 1971.

Entertainment value aside, though, Baker's class confirmed my worries about the priorities of our university and the people employed by it. At the beginning of class, Baker read a memo from the University secretary concerning the senate resolution letting students miss afternoon classes on Jan. 28 to attend the downtown National Day of Action rally, without facing academic penalties.

Baker even managed to make the memo entertaining, but overshadowing the laughs I got the feeling he had very little idea of the context of this rally. His midterm was scheduled for the 28th, in the middle of the time period where students can't be penalized, as long as they notify the teacher in advance.

Baker's compliance with the resolution amounted to rescheduling the mid-term for one day earlier, meaning that students will have to miss a review class if they want to attend the rally. He seemed bemused over why the students' society couldn't have scheduled the event earlier, giving professors more time to accomodate it into their schedules.

His point was groundless; the UVSS first knew about the 28th a month earlier, on Nov. 25th, when the Canadian Federation of Students announced the date. Baker's inability to be flexible to a rally that, in order to work, demands a mass student presence, is cause for thought considering the situation we face.

If we just rest our unconcerned selves in classrooms and let the university determine where its priorities should be, without consultation, very soon we'll find ourselves in a university for the effete rich (maybe we already do) or in Microsoft worker processing plants.

Baker's sociology class is one class of dozens, his class on the 28th is one class of thousands, and when you look at all the sociology classes from 1971 to now...

What I'm saying is one entertaining sociology class mid-term doesn't really seem very important when you think about the fact that when UVic really hits the cutting block, sociology could be one of the first against the wall. Or at least, it will be modified into some sort of human resources trainer, to lift up employment rates rather than enlightenment.

There won't be many from Baker's class at the rally, and that's fine; what's disturbing are the administrators and teachers who believe we should just cruise along in our merry way, without heeding the future that screams at us.

The senate spent 45 minutes debating a point that, to students, was obvious—student representatives and spectators shook their heads in disbelief as senators affirmed over and over their support for students' initiatives, as long as they wouldn't conflict with classes. Last time I checked, the university existed to be an environment for scholarship, if that's true, and we want to maintain some sense of learning here, then a class or two needs to be disrupted so whoever pulls the strings gets the message.

by Anders Knudsen

Anders Knudsen photographs fights

Student Voice

Waiting for geography

It has become apparent that the University of Victoria has serious problems in allocating students into classes and funding resources for these demands. In the two years I've been here I have seen people sitting on windowsills, students waitlisted outside instructor's offices for their names to be called, and teachers frustrated with their inability to accommodate their overcrowded classrooms. I have also seen excellent Profs. teaching me what it means to be a student and to experience learning in a small sized class.

At least having your name on many lists makes you feel your $226 might be accepted if there is space on the windowsill.

I went to speak to Dr. Penny Codding, Vice President Academic and Provost this September, when it was unclear if I could get more than two courses. I questioned her on UVic's policies and her commitment to me as a student of the university here. She seemed quite positive and willing to help the students, yet this semester, I still sit outside the class hoping to get in so I can graduate in "timely fashion:" 5-6 years if I'm lucky.

Waiting in line with the other students outside Geography's doors for my name to be called kinda makes me feel like I'm back in grade three waiting to be picked by my peers at recess for the soccer team, thinking "PICK ME, PICK ME!" Soon you start to talk to others who are also thinking about leaving to go to school elsewhere so they can graduate before UVic accepts more students into an overcrowded fire hazard classroom. I've met transfer students who have come here and can't get a course this semester (or hey, if they're lucky, maybe they can get two!) Transferring to another school because UVic can't accommodate us guarantees a longer degree program for most, yet this tuition freeze also guarantees another year or two of rent money.

I agree with the tuition freeze because we are already witnessing the uprising of the University of the Elite, but what about all the overcrowded classes and the some thousand students waitlisted for classes? The administration proposes a limit to the number of units Telereg can hold for you from 27 units to 18 units in an effort to lower the ugly numbers of waitlisted students. Now students' options are limited. At least having your name on many lists makes you feel your $226 might be accepted if there is space on the windowsill.

I wish I had been told there was no room for me, you got me all excited for nothing Dr. Codding. But I still come back and say "PICK ME, PICK ME!"

I think I should have taken the advice I've been given and go elsewhere, but I have made a commitment to be here, and at the student forum on January 1 from 2-4 p.m. we can raise our student voices and ask Dr. Codding again "What is your commitment to me as a student at the University of Victoria, Dr. Codding?" This isn't grade three; let's get some answers. I don't want to be another student voice that passes through and leaves. I like this school: there is potential here, but there needs to be more done to accommodate the students who have already been accepted here.

by James Wood

James Wood is a UVic Geography student

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MAI report comes under fire

by Jeremy Nelson
Ottawa (CUP)

Critics of a controversial global trade treaty currently being negotiated by the federal government say they are not impressed with the work of a parliamentary subcommittee that gave citizens their only opportunity for direct input on the matter.

The report, authored by the parliamentary subcommittee on foreign affairs and international trade, contains 17 recommendations detailing how the Liberal government should proceed in negotiating the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI).

"Why does the government feel so confident about pursuing an agreement that is so lopsided in favour of investors?"

Canada and 28 other industrialized nations plan to sign the agreement this May.

Opponents of the MAI say it will do tremendous damage to the Canadian way of life by placing exorbitant powers in the hands of private corporations which could be exercised at the expense of social, cultural and environmental policy. The agreement, for example, would give foreign-based corporations the power to sue the federal government if it passed a law or introduced a regulation that they felt was harmful to their business.

The report is the result of nine days of hearings which took place in Ottawa last November. These are the only public hearings the federal government has held on the agreement to date, though it has been involved in secret MAI negotiations for over two years.

Among other things, the report recommends that the Liberal government should broaden consultation on the agreement and should consider undertaking a full impact analysis detailing the effects the MAI could have on Canada's environment, culture, economy and society.

Some of the 144 presenters are expressing disgust with the report and with the hearings in general, alleging that they were little more than a public-relations scheme.

"It's a sound idea to have hearings, but the execution was a sham," Carleton University student Terry Cottam, a founder of the national group MAI-Not, said. "They didn't publicize [the hearings], they announced them at the last minute, they kept changing the times for presentations and they held them only in Ottawa."

Also critical of the hearings and the report is Bill Blaikie, international trade critic for the New Democratic Party and a member of the subcommittee.

He agrees that the hearings were poorly executed and says the final report was largely toothless and predictable.

"None of the recommendations have anything to do with putting enforceable rules in the MAI itself," Blaikie said.

"Why does the government feel so confident about pursuing an agreement that is so lopsided in favour of investors? They never really answered that question."

As drafted, the MAI would prevent the government from creating any new labour, environmental and cultural regulations for the next 20 years, if those laws were deemed to be harmful to the business of a domestic or foreign investor.

The subcommittee recommended that the Canadian negotiating team push for the introduction of labour, environmental and cultural protections into the agreement itself, but didn't outline what Canada should do if these were rejected.

Blaikie says he finds this unacceptable.

"[With the MAI] we would have a perverse moral hierarchy where investors get to have their rights enshrined, protected and enforced, and the rest of us just get strong language," he said.

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Bob Speller, chair of the subcommittee, says the report is a fair representation of the views of the subcommittee, which consisted of five Liberal MPs and one MP from each of the officially recognized parties.

"The hearings sent a message to the government that all the parties were concerned about the negotiations," Speller, a Liberal MP, said. "Overall, our report reflected what the majority of people were saying."

But Blakie issued his own dissenting report on the hearings, as did the subcommittee's Reform member.

Speller says, however, that these reports are unrepresentative of the committee's work.

"They were two extreme, opposing views, and the majority of the people on the committee, and probably the majority of people who presented, were somewhere in the middle," he said.

Blakie says he disagrees with this characterization.

"Who are the extremists here? To me, the extremists are the people who think that everything should be left to the whims of the marketplace."

Both Cottam and Blakie say the report's call for broader consultations on the agreement are pointless unless that federal government becomes more accountable to the public.

"What needs to happen is the government hears our questions and answers us, and not the other way around," Cottam said. "What happened at these hearings was that the public answered to the government. The hearings went back to front, and that's not democracy."

World's Top 100 Economies, 1995

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Country/**Corporation**	GDP/**Sales (US$ Mil)**		
1. United States	6,648,013	***51. Daimler-Benz***	***72,253***
2. Japan	4,590,971	***52. IBM***	***71,941***
3. Germany	2,045,991	53. Malaysia	70,626
4. France	1,330,381	***54. Matsushita Electric***	***70,454***
5. Italy	1,024,634	***55. General Electric***	***70,028***
6. United Kingdom	1,017,306	56. Singapore	68,949
7. Brazil	554,587	***57. Tomen***	***67,809***
8. Canada	542,954	58. Colombia	67,266
9. China	522,954	***59. Mobil***	***64,767***
10. Spain	482,841	60. Philippines	64,162
11. Mexico	377,115	61. Iran	63,716
12. Russian Federation	376,555	***62. Nissan Motor***	***62,618***
13. Korea, Rep.	376,505	***63. Volkswagon Group***	***61,487***
14. Australia	331,990	***64. Siemens Group***	***60,673***
15. Netherlands	329,768	65. Venezuela	58,257
16. India	293,606	***66. British Petroleum***	***56,992***
17. Argentina	281,992	***67. Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi***	***55,243***
18. Switzerland	260,352	***68. Chrysler***	***53,195***
19. Belgium	227,550	***69. Philip Morris***	***53,089***
20. Austria	196,545	***70. Toshiba***	***53,089***
21. Sweden	196,441	71. Ireland	52,060
22. Mitsubishi	***184,510***	72. Pakistan	52,001
23. Mitsui and Co.	***181,661***	73. Chile	51,957
24. Indonesia	174,640	***74. Nichimen***	***50,882***
25. Itochu	***169,300***	75. New Zealand	50,777
26. General Motors	***168,829***	***76. Tokyo Electric Power***	***50,343***
27. Sumitomo	***167,662***	77. Peru	50,077
28. Marubeni	***161,184***	***78. Kanematsu***	***49,878***
29. Denmark	146,076	***79. Unilever***	***49,638***
30. Thailand	143,209	***80. Nestlé***	***47,767***
31. Ford Motor	***137,137***	***81. Sony***	***47,619***
32. Hong Kong	131,881	***82. Fiat Group***	***46,638***
33. Turkey	131,014	***83. VEBA Group***	***46,278***
34. South Africa	121,888	***84. NEC***	***45,593***
35. Saudi Arabia	117,236	***85. Honda Motor***	***44,090***
36. Toyota Motor	***111,139***	***86. UAP-Union des Assurances***	***43,929***
37. Royal Dutch/Shell	***109,853***	***87. Allianz Woldwide***	***43,486***
38. Norway	109,568	88. Egypt	42,923
39. Exxon	***107,893***	89. Algeria	41,941
40. Nissho Iwai	***97,963***	***90. Elf Aquitaine Group***	***41,729***
41. Finland	97,961	91. Hungary	41,374
42. Wal-Mart	***93,627***	***92. Philips Group***	***40,146***
43. Poland	92,580	***93. Fujitsu***	***39,007***
44. Ukraine	91,307	***94. Indust. Bank of Japan***	***38,694***
45. Portugal	87,257	***95. Deutsche Bank Group***	***38,418***
46. Hitachi	***84,233***	***96. Renault Group***	***36,876***
47. Nippon Tel and Tel	***82,002***	***97. Mitsubishi Motors***	***36,674***
48. AT&T	***79,609***	***98. du Pont de Nemours***	***36,508***
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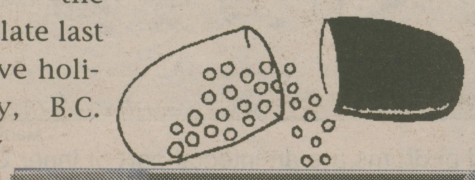
Ro-hype-nol: government launches campaign against invisible drug

by Craig Saunders

Stories abound in North American media about women being drugged at parties and raped. And the blame is being piled squarely on a drug called Rohypnol.

The American magazine *Glamour* recently featured an article on just such a situation. A young woman was at a party, and someone slipped a drug into her drink. She blacked out, and since one side-effect of the drug is memory loss, she wasn't even sure if she had been sexually assaulted.

Such stories are now commonplace throughout the Canadian media, and late last year, just as the festive holidays got underway, B.C. Women's Equality Minister Sue Hammell announced a public awareness campaign in response.



Hammell said one Lower Mainland municipality suspects it is experiencing three cases of Rohypnol-related sexual assault every month, but adds it is difficult to prove.

"Unless you deal with the physical facts right away, the evidence is gone," she said.

The minister wants people to be aware of the threat, and recommends that when at a bar, individuals keep an eye on their drinks.

"People have to watch out for each other," she said.

But the threat of being drugged with Rohypnol is negligible, according to RCMP officials, who have no evidence of its use in connection with sexual assault in B.C.

"There has been no seizure of Rohypnol in B.C. or in Canada," said Wayne Jeffries, head of toxicology for the RCMP.

"There are, [however], numerous other drugs that have similar effects to Rohypnol," he said.

Rohypnol belongs to benzodiazepine family of drugs, which include Valium and Halcion, which the Ministry of Women's Equality says have been implicated in connection with sexual assault.

According to Jeffries, drugs with almost identical characteristics to Rohypnol are available by prescription in Canada. Rohypnol, while legal in Canada, is not marketed here. It is available in Europe, Australia and Mexico. It, and the variants available in Canada, are "tasteless, odorless and dissolve in anything," said Jeffries.

"Everybody is jumping on the media bandwagon," he said, adding that the precautions are still relevant. "The precautions would be the same for all classes of benzodiazephines."

Rohypnol pills, also known as rophies, roofies, la roche, party poppers or by a half-dozen other names, are small white pills with the name "Roch" and an encircled one or two on one side. A cross score is on the other side.

As a prescription drug, Rohypnol works as a powerful sleeping pill. Although the drug is relatively new, the concept of drugging sexual assault victims is not.

"Just go back to the 40s when chlorohydrate was mixed with alcohol," said Jeffries, who suggests this is just the latest variation on that trend. "The use and abuse [of Rohypnol] has been blown out of proportion."

Although the RCMP have no clear evidence of Rohypnol use, there are cases of sexual assault in B.C. which may involve similar drugs, according to Anneke Van Vliet, coordinating counselor of the sexual assault service at the B.C. Women's Hospital. Like everyone else, however, she cannot be certain whether or not Rohypnol played a role in any of them.

"It's important to know the majority of women don't report [a rape or other sexual assault]," she said. "We only see about 200 to 250 patients a year."

Those patients go to the service for medical exams. Under certain circumstances, drug testing might be part of those exams.

"[The victim] might say she blacked out for several hours, or feels dizzy," said Van Vliet. She added that in such a case, a drug screen is done. A screening is done if, for example, a woman reports having only a drink or two, and blacks out or suffers memory loss – either of which can last for 6-12 hours. The results of those tests go to a forensic testing lab, and the sexual assault service never learns the results.

In 1997, the service had 217 patients, 22 of whom had drug or alcohol screenings performed at the Vancouver Hospital. However, the reasons for those screens are not available, and they may simply be alcohol-related.

Despite the lack of evidence for Rohypnol's illicit use in British Columbia, Van Vliet says caution should be practiced.

"I think it's really important to inform students," she said, noting that students tend to be a socially active demographic. "I do the follow-up counseling [for the sexual assault service]. One of the problems with date rape drugs is it's particularly traumatizing when you don't know what happened.

"Particularly wondering what happened. Sometimes women have bits and pieces of flashbacks," she said.

The drug's manufacturer, Hoffman La-Roche is considering adding coloring to the pills to make them more visibly detectable in a drink. But illicit use remains difficult to prosecute, or even prove, because of the memory loss, and the fact that many sexual assault victims wait to come forward about an attack.

"It's important to talk about an assault with somebody you trust," said Van Vliet. "It helps. Even when you don't know what happened."

According to Ken Marrison, assistant director of UVic's campus security, there has been "no confirmed use on campus." However, there are stories circulating among students of the drug, or one similar to it, having been used in conjunction with sexual assault. The security office is trying to ensure students are informed, said Marrison.

"We talk about this when we go out and talk to groups," he said, adding that a yellow pamphlet on Rohypnol is available in the security office building. They're on a rack to the right when you enter the building, which is located across the road from the SUB, beside the bus loop.

Likewise, the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) hasn't suffered any attacks related to Rohypnol, but Security Manager Ed Baye says he's concerned nonetheless.

"We haven't had any sort of cases," he said. "I sent out my first heads-up about it three years ago to the residences."

He first heard of the drug's illicit uses through American publications, including a campus security professional magazine.

While it is uncertain whether Rohypnol has ever been used for sexual assault in British Columbia, security offices, assault centres and police agree there are certain precautions which are worth taking anyway.

"Don't take a drink from someone you don't know or trust," Hammell wrote in her announcement of the awareness campaign. "Don't put your drink down where you can't see it; wherever possible open drinks yourself."

The ministry also recommends friends keep an eye on each other and watch for slurred speech, impaired judgment, difficulty walking, irritation and easily provoked outbursts or even personality changes to the extremes of stealing or fighting.

Inner City Youth get place to perform

by Alexandra Cruikshank

Inner City Youth Works (ICYW) not only helps young people get off the streets, they're also giving local bands exposure they wouldn't normally receive.

"Its a good place for kids to go rather than to do nothing or just watch TV," said Darcy Ladret, the bassist for Fister Milgate, a funk band that has played at Inner City in the past. "It's a really positive place."

Music is an integral part of ICYW. Music and dogs.

Inner City Youth Works provides the space for bands that want to play. The bands set up the shows and are responsible for advertising. Half the money made from cover charges goes to the band and the other half goes towards ICYW's costs.

Most concerts feature four or five local band and are punk-oriented, although they have also featured hip-hop, reggae and rave music. Some shows feature bands from as far away as California and Milwaukee, while others have a local focus.

"The (ICYW) people are really nice and they're into anything," said Ladret. "Anybody can get their name out by playing at Inner City. It's a great place for a band that's starting out."

"We support the music scene that can't support itself," ICYW public relations representative Graham Hartley said.

Greg Pratt books a lot of the bands that play at Inner City, both from here in Victoria and from out of town. Pratt does the postering and publicity for the bands he books because, as Hartley admitted, Inner City are "notoriously bad advertisers."

Pratt remarked that, "Graham is a really good guy and the only person who knows what's going on at Inner City."

"There are some great people who really care," said Pratt. "But it's discouraging that there are so many people who just don't know what's going on there."

ICYW not only supports local and lesser-known bands, but their interest in music, specifically in drums and percussion, has led some members to form a band of their own. Bhingiitis will debut on February 21 with a number of other Vlctoria bands including Rainshadow and the Pepperbellys.

"It's a really cool place," said Ladret. "And it has the potential for being an open stage."

The ICYW building, located on Pandora near Government Street, houses eight small businesses including the Exit Cafe, a used clothing store, and a bookstore. All the businesses are run by members of Victoria's street youth community.

The Exit Cafe is an intimate and eclectic coffee shop that is never silent. Everything from Nine Inch Nails to Bob Marley spins nonstop, while patrons drum along with the music and others discuss the world around them. Employees at the Exit Cafe are often found behind the turntables in their spare time mixing and taking requests.

"Some guy wanted me to play Nine Inch Nails. I said, 'It's 10 in the morning fuck that,'" said one of the employees Sunday.

Martlet Photo by Alexandra Cruickshank

Independent music and the sound of drums are an integral part of Inner City Youth Works, located near the corner of Pandora and Government. Inner City is the home to many businesses that help get Victoria's street youth off the street.

The cafe also features a variety of live music each night. Monday is African drum night; native drummers are featured Tuesdays and Thursdays; while house music plays Wednesdays and Fridays. You can find live bands playing at the Exit Cafe most Saturdays with cover always under five dollars.

Music is an integral part of ICYW. Music and dogs.

"The roots of the Inner City are dogs and drums," said Hartley. "There is a joke around here that the dogs run the place, we just take care of it for them."

Inner City Youth Works originated when local realtor Sandra Fleck noticed the importance of dogs and drums to a group of street kids known as the Yates Street Kids. Fleck organized a free veterinary clinic for their dogs. She then organized a space for the group to make and play drums. When the Mustard Seed moved from the Pandora storefront in 1995 Fleck arranged for Inner City Youth Works to take over the location.

"We support the music scene that can't support itself."

Inner City Youth Works was started with little money and not enough people to complete the many tasks necessary each day.

"We've learned how things really work, on a small scale," said Hartley. "Different styles of people, punks, ravers, hippies, whatever, work as a team and get things done."

The atmosphere at ICYW is family–like. A group of people from a wide variety of backgrounds have left the streets to become entrepreneurs of sorts. Together they take care of the 9,000 square meters of space that houses ICYW and work together to raise the funds for the $4,000 overhead each month.

"Inner City is built from heart and hard-work," said Hartley.

This weekend's line up includes Horatio, also known as DJ Nature Boy, with a reggae oriented show. Saturday's concert includes four bands The Cretins from Vancouver, Welcome to Beatsville, formerly Molly, from Nanaimo and two local bands Lid and AK-47. Anyone interested in attending can pick up a flyer at *the Martlet* office good for $1 off the $3 cover. There's also a drag show on Sunday at 9pm, cover is two dollars.

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Mmmm...protein: Nancy Maclean feeds Enigma a party mix of insects during the performance of the Jim Rose Circus at Vertigo last Wed.

blood on the dancefloor

Grocery store tabloid fodder

by Justin Kalef

You've probably heard of Nostradamus. He's the bearded 16th Century prophet whose name and face are commonly seen on the covers of supermarket tabloids. It's also likely that you've heard of the television series, A&E's Biography. Chances are, you know it's a critically acclaimed, award-winning series, and you think it's more reliable than, say, supermarket tabloids. Well, so did I, until I saw the Biography of Nostradamus this past New Year's Eve.

I was hoping that, along with the predictable drivel, some dissenting views might be featured. No such luck. Throughout the entire program, not a doubt was expressed about the authenticity of the prophecies.

The fact is, it isn't clear whether Nostradamus ever correctly predicted anything. What he did do was to compose over one thousand cryptic stanzas. In the view of believers, these stanzas are not only incredibly complex prophetic metaphors, but all of them are arranged in an entirely random chronological order; and yet, if correctly arranged and deciphered, predict the future with startling accuracy. Needless to say, even the most learned of his devotees have much better luck with this deciphering after the event has occurred.

But perhaps I'm being too glib. Let's examine one of the amazing prophecies from the program. One translation of one of the thousands of lines reads: "Mesopotamia, the land horrible and black in appearance." Mesopotamia— kind of like Iraq. Black— hey, oil is black! This is the Gulf war! Still skeptical? Well, in a completely different part of the opus, there is mention of a tyrant named 'DAM'.

Get it? 'DAM'—kind of like 'SadDAM'...Hussein! Amazing!

Perhaps you're wondering why A&E never took the time to interview a skeptic. Actually, they did – James Randi, who wrote*The Mask of Nostradamus* debunking the prophet, was featured as one of the four experts on the show. But his words were carefully edited in such a way that the viewer could not discern that Randi is a skeptic!

It seems the producers decided that it was more important not to offend the fragile ideologies of the credulous than to present the facts necessary to form a sensible conclusion. Welcome to the New Age.

Wag the Dog a smart satire

by Patricia Murray

Deniro, Hoffman and Levinson chillin' in Wag the Dog

Wag the Dog was rumored to be too smart for audiences to fully appreciate. Too smart? Perhaps. But that's the whole point of the movie.

The title is explained in the opening credits: Why does the dog wag his tail? Because he is smarter than his tail, otherwise the tail would wag the dog.

Directed by Barry Levinson, *Wag the Dog* is not only a political satire, it's a critique on popular culture and how we are controlled and manipulated by what we see on television. "If it's on TV then it must be true" is a running theme throughout the film.

The question remains, does society control what's on TV, or does TV control society? Who wags who? This movie implies that television is the tail that wags the dog, or in this case, the American public.

The main plot of the movie is simple: two weeks before election day, the president is accused of sexual misconduct with a 15-year old Firefly girl visiting the White House.

In comes the president's spin doctor, played by Robert De Niro, to save the day. His plan is to fake a war with Albania to "spin" away from the negative attention about the girl.

A big time Hollywood producer, (Dustin Hoffman), is then called to produce this "war" in hopes of getting the president re-elected for his second term. The confusion and chaos that happens as a result of this spin makes the movie truly laughable.

Players in the supporting roles include Anne Heche as a presidential assistant, Woody Harrelson as the psychotic, made-for-T.V. war hero, and Willie Nelson as the alcoholic washed-out songwriter.

Wag the Dog is a brilliant satire of American TV and popular culture executed in the same vein as *To Die For* and *Natural Born Killers.* It parodies Hollywood as effectively as *The Player* and *Get Shorty* . Recommended to anyone with an intellectual sense of humour.

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Stephen Fearing: don't call him a folk singer

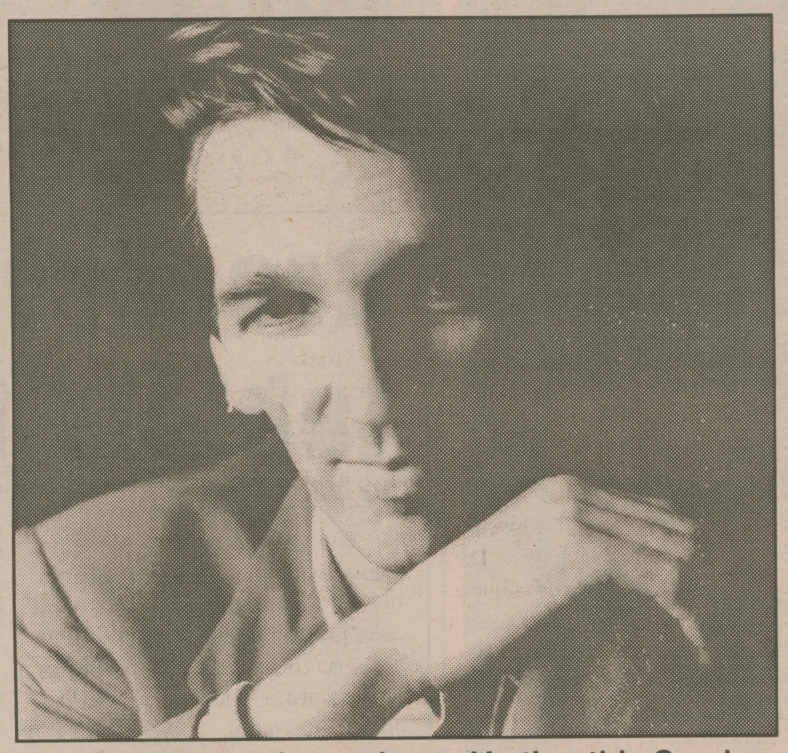
by Kelly Henderson

Stephen Fearing is calling from the offices of True North Records in downtown Toronto. Chomping on a Sicilian sandwich (artichoke hearts, asiago cheese, etc.) from a downtown deli, he laments the problems he had this morning getting to the office. Not only did his car break down, but the car he borrowed from a friend also broke down.

The streets aren't plowed as well as they used to be, laments Fearing. The government cutbacks have even affected snow removal, and with a big dump of snow the night before, Fearing's commute on Highway 401 has just gotten that much worse. "Thank you, Mike Harris," he sighs between sandwich bites.

Fearing's been commuting to Toronto at least once a week since moving to Guelph from Vancouver in 1994. Anyone who has driven Highway 401 in southern Ontario can relate to Fearing's exhaustion when he sings "Tumbling in a tin can through the west bound lanes of rush hour," on "Home", the fourth track on his new CD *Industrial Lullaby*.

The move east has been beneficial for Fearing. He describes Guelph as having "a really good community spirit about the place" that reminds him of Nelson or the Gulf Islands. Living close to Toronto gives Fearing the chance to collaborate with Toronto-based artists like Margo Timmins, Tom Wilson of Junkhouse and Bruce Cockburn, the latter two appear on *Industrial Lullaby*. "It's my good luck that I live out here now and can work on [my music].... I love working with other musicians. It adds up to something more than I do on my own," he remarks.



Stephen Fearing is coming to Vertigo this Sunday

Many new artists come to Fearing for advice on how to get noticed in a business that only cares if you're the next big thing. A few years ago, he was approached by of Guelph's Hillside Folk Festival. One day she came home from work complaining about some guy who was getting into everyone's face during the festival looking for performance time. It was Tariq.

Fearing has been making music for years, and many people are surprised to learn he is only 35. Since his debut *Out to Sea* was released in 1988, Fearing has been recognized by critics as one of Canada's best singer-songwriter–guitarists.

Just don't call Fearing a "folk singer" –it makes him grumpy. "Let's completely avoid that label folk singer. It's a nebulous tag used when promoters and radio stations don't know where else to put you."

Fearing thinks that the music scene is becoming more "do–it–yourself" in that young people are approaching songwriting from a an acoustic perspective with a superhip veneer. As for Fearing's place in Canadian music, "that question is to be answered by somebody else," he says.

"I love working with other musicians. It adds up to something more than I do on my own"

Regardless of the support of the critics, Fearing says it's hard getting his music to cross over into regular radio airplay. Since signing with Bernie Finkelstein to manage him, a move that Fearing says was like "jumping off of one dock and swimming towards another," his music is beginning to get some notice from more mainstream radio stations.

"I'm very big in [the folk community] but I'm not very big in [other genres]." He says it's Bruce Cockburn-esque longevity–that he's after.

Fearing was in Victoria just a few months ago, playing at Kaleidoscope Theatre. "Victoria has changed. It's been dragged into modern times" from the stodgy town Fearing used to know. "There were skateboarders!"

While chomping on his Sicilian, Fearing was trying to remember the name of the Victoria restaurant up the street form Kaleidoscope where he had dinner after soundcheck. We finally hit upon it – Herald Street Cafe. Fearing offers up a plug: "'Stephen Fearing thinks the Herald Street Cafe is great.' Maybe they'll give me a freebie, a bowl of soup."

Are you listening Herald Street Cafe? You may not have heard of Stephen Fearing, but he's heard of you.

Intrepid Theatre and Theatre Skam combine forces

by Käthe Lemon

Victoria theatre groups Intrepid Theatre and Theatre Skam have joined forces to present 2nd Draft, three plays from the hugely popular 24 Hour Play Project.

The short plays were chosen from the 14 created during the 24 Hour Play Project, which was put on by Theatre Skam.

According to Janet Munsil, Executive Producer of Intrepid Theatre, the idea behind the 24 Hour Play Project was to bring together various people in the Victoria theatre community, to create something in a very short period of time and to have fun. At 11 p.m. on Friday the playwrights would draw on information such as the number of actors and the inspiration or theme for the play. Then they were set free to write until 9 a.m., at which time the scripts were given to the actors. The plays were then performed at 11 p.m. on Saturday.

Munsil said that these three plays were chosen because they had somewhere to go from their original form, whereas some of the others were perfect as they were.

Birthing the Shiny Gorilla, by Ross Desprez, is a play with two actors who portray six different mothers talking about their concerns for their children. This play was coincidentally written the same week as Reena Virk's murder and Munsil said it is quite powerful and moving.

Helter Shelter, by Amiel Gladstone, is about three people who meet on a bus and how they are all subtly changed by their time together. It also includes what was described by Munsil as "wacky dance, kind of like performance art."

Tantrum: the Story of Phineas Gage, by Janet Munsil, is based on the true story of an American railroad worker who got a metal rod through the head in 1848, and strangely enough lived, although with a different personality. Munsil is working on a longer version of this play which will go on to be performed at the Toronto, Winnipeg, and Victoria Fringe Fests.

Munsil said that writing a second draft gave the writers a chance for a little more control over their scripts. 2nd Draft was completed over four weeks. Munsil said that the longer schedule gives the plays a more finished look. "In the original it was kind of like damage control because we had so little time... this way the actors have more time. The rehearsal time isn't much different, but it's over a longer period so there's more time for things to sink in."

Although the plays still deal with the same themes, Munsil said that they are not necessarily the same as the originals. She said that while Desprez's play has not changed very much at all, Gladstone's piece is very different.

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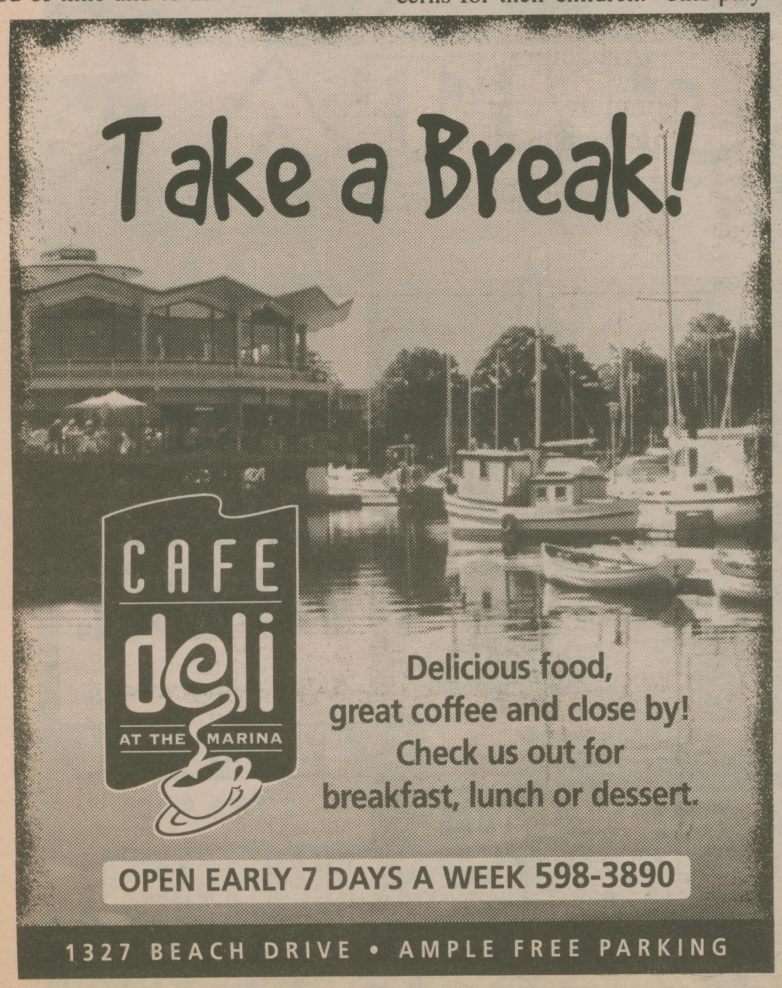
Even the title was changed; originally it was called *The Old Woman, the Typist and the Transit Cartographer.* Munsil's own play was almost entirely rewritten, but when it was given over to the group they asked her to change it back. "Now I'm on the third draft incorporating the first and second drafts," she said.

The plays are still short, about 15 to 20 minutes each, but Munsil said that the playwrights tried to develop the main ideas more. She also said that while the three pieces are a little more on the serious side, the rowdy Theatre Skam crowd will ensure that the show is still fun.

2nd Draft will be at the Belfry Studio at 11 p.m. on Jan. 23 and 24. Tickets will be available at the door. Regular admission is $10 and student tickets are $8. To make reservations call Intrepid Theatre at 383-2663.



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Skating the thin edge of hip

by Jessica Hungerford and Tara Hungerford

The two owners of a fairly new hip cafe and pizzeria, the Thin Edge of the Wedge in Fernwood, have worked hard over the last year to make their small business work.

"We just want to do the best we could in opening up this place", explained co–owner Ruben Anderson, a UVic Fine Arts graduate.

Anderson's wife Shannon, co-owner of the pizzaria an Education graduate, expressed that it has not been easy. "We have really tried to fit in with the neighborhood. We get mostly locals coming in. We encourage people to linger around here. There is never any pressure to leave." According to Ruben, the average person ends up staying half an hour.

This lingering can be attributed to the large collection of the latest magazines to read while sitting on the comfy overstuffed couch. The CD selection is extensive and they have an original 1953 juke box with many old tunes to chose from. There are enough tables around so that there is always a place to sit.

Various local artists have displayed their work on the brick walls. At the moment, the collection includes some black and white photos, a large angel-like sculpture

martlet photo by Jessica Hungerford

Ruben Anderson flogs hip at Thin Edge of the Wedge

called "Wings of Icarus" (by Ruben) and an amazingly detailed etch–a–sketch picture.

"We wish that more art students would come by and offer to display their work" says Ruben.

Once a month, The Thin Edge hosts an open house poetry reading night. "It's an open mike, you just have to sign up for a time slot once you get here" explains Shannon.

We've tried just about every kind of vegetarian pizza they have. The Gatherer (green and red peppers, red onions, mushrooms, broccoli fresh basil and cracked pepper on feta cheese) is especially good. Ruben and Shannon claim that their cheeseless pizza is famous for being the best vegan pizza in town.

"We don't use frozen pizza dough like most pizzerias. We use our own variation of a traditional Italian pizza dough recipe" Ruben says proudly. They do not take any short cuts on making their coffee either. "Every cup is an Americano, brewed fresh every time" adds Shannon.

They get their baked goods from a very newly opened bakery next door called "Breadstuffs". Cookies and brownies are about the extent of the baked goods they carry. They also sell draft beer, wine and liqueurs at the Thin Edge. The beer is a steal at $13.00 a pitcher, including tax.

The Thin Edge of the Wedge is the perfect hang out. We found that as soon as we sat down the time flew by and we did not want to leave. The casual artsy atmosphere is very welcoming.

The Thin Edge of the Wedge is located at 1311 Gladstone Ave, across from the George and Dragon pub and half a block down from the Belfry Theatre. It is open from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. during the week and 11 a.m. until 1 a.m.–ish on the week-ends. Pizza is $3.00 a slice or $20.00 for a whole pie. The next open mike poetry reading will be held Feb. 2 from 8 p.m. -10 p.m.

Fallen suffers from so-so writing

by Natasha Marsden

If a supernatural force was ever to pester the human race then I can't think of anyone better equipped to kick their asses than *Fallen*'s dashing hero, John Hobbes (Denzel Washington). The television market is saturated with paranormal tales- now the genre moves to the big screen.

Fallen employs many run-of-the-mill special effects, I am left wondering if *Fallen* has suffered from the same crappy scriptwriting. But why did Hollywood producers convince Washington, a top-notch actor, to digress into such a predictable role?

There was some originality redeeming this storyline. With reluctant guidance from a theology professor, Gretta Milano (Embeth Davidtz), Hobbes dispels notions that someone is following in the footsteps of a serial murder.

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Something much more sinister is at play–A cast–off angel, Azazel, who possesses innocent suspects, truly getting under the host's skin. The spirit takes particular pleasure in taunting Hobbes—making the detective's search suspenseful as Azazel leaps from one body to the next.

Hobbes' partner Jonesy (John Goodman) and chief (Donald Sutherland), dulls the film's edge, engaging in meager one-liners that keep up the comic pace but promote all of the crime movie clichés.

Every once in a while I crave to see the overdone. I want to be startled by the villain, track the rising sexual tension between the hero and heroine, and leave knowing there will be resolution. If you're willing to stick through 90 minutes of *X–File*–esque demon-chasing then you might even enjoy the slight twist to the ending.

CD Reviews

Millencolin
For Monkeys
Epitaph Records
by j.siska

I tried to like *For Monkeys*. I really did.

First listen, I was like, "Huh...whatever." Second listen rated a "Yeah...it's OK." Usually, adding alcohol and crankin' 'er up will magically turn a mediocre album into a good one. Not this time.

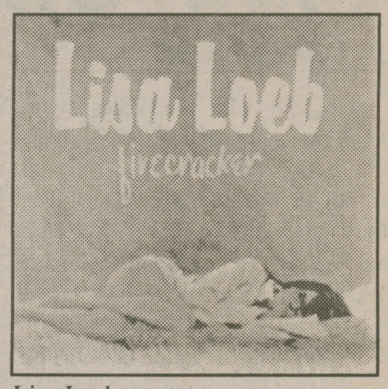
The sad thing is that there's just nothing new here. These boys are on Epitaph and have a lot in common with other bands on that label, drawing from such "diverse" influences as Lag Wagon and Propagandhi.

"Third album, less of ska and not so many fast ones, more of poppy, pushy songs, those that we do best now" read the lyrics from the opening track,"Puzzle". Millencolin's from Sweden so they're forgiven for the awkward English, but that pretty much sums 'er up.

Sure there's hooks, but they're baited with a hot dog instead of one of those wicked PowerBait scented jobbies. The way they're going at it they might land a Black Crappie, but never Moby Dick. The moments of brilliance are few and far between.

If you've got a Pennywise baseball hat, wear it backwards, and prefer all your music to sound like everything else you listen to, then this album is for you.

Let's pretend *For Monkeys* was plywood. It'd be "good one side" and just about as flat.



Lisa Loeb
Firecracker
Geffen Records
by Briana Raynor

You've just broken up and you're hurtin', so you lie down and stare at the patterns in the stucco.

You need a CD that will move with you through the emotions of bitterness, sadness, and revenge, but which relents occasionally and returns to the memories of when you first got together. Something that makes you feel that possibly it's all for the best.

Or maybe you just need something mellow you can either crank or leave to drift in the background. *Firecracker* might be the answer. If you've heard Lisa Loeb's debut, *Tails*, you know what it sounds like: coded lyrics, a relaxed tone with upbeat moments, and sadly the same indulgence in repetition (see "Truthfully," where she uses the word or it's derivatives 22 times). Her sound now includes a hint of Shawn Colvin, which not surprising as they worked together at Lilith Fair, and Colvin sings back up on track two. *Firecracker* hits the mark.

SENATE NOTICE

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST STUDENT DEBT, JANUARY 28, 1998

At its meeting on January 14, 1998, Senate adopted the following resolution:

THAT Senate support the Canadian Federation of Students National Day of Action against Student Debt, scheduled for January 28, 1998.

THAT faculty treat participation in the National Day of Action on January 28 as grounds for academic concession ***for any student who requests it in advance.***

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UVic swim team breaks records at Canada West Championships

by Cathy Gilmour

Not only did the Vikes swim team manage to place second overall in the women's category and fourth in the men's category, but they also broke several CIAU records at last weekend's Canada West swimming finals.

The finals, held at the Saanich Commonwealth Place Pool and hosted by UVic, gave the Vikes the chance to prove themselves at a regional competition after a very successful pre-final season.

The relatively small size of the UVic swim team compared to other university squads made scoring enough points to actually win the competition seem an insurmountable task. However, the female swimmers almost did just that after coming in only 13.5 points behind first-place UBC. The men's team also did quite well, and ended up in fourth place overall, with UBC finishing in first place again.

Vikes head coach Peter Vizsolyi was happy with the performance of the swim team overall, but he has never depended on the Vikes' success only as a team. "I've always focused a lot on individual performance," he said.

Again, this is largely due to the smaller size of the team–something that has made the success of the individuals that much more important.

Christin Petelski and Philip Weiss were individuals who did particularly well last weekend, winning several events, and more importantly, breaking past CIAU records in the 200m Breastroke.

Petelski, a past finalist at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, surpassed her bronze medal from earlier this year, with a gold for 1998.

As a warm-up for the Canada West finals the team went to Seattle Jan. 17-18. to compete in the Senior Circuit #2 races. Vizsolyi was pleased with the performances of the team, despite several missing competitors who were out sick for the weekend.

Rick Say did particularly well at the Circuit, and carried this streak of success to the championships where he managed to pick up two third place positions and a fourth.

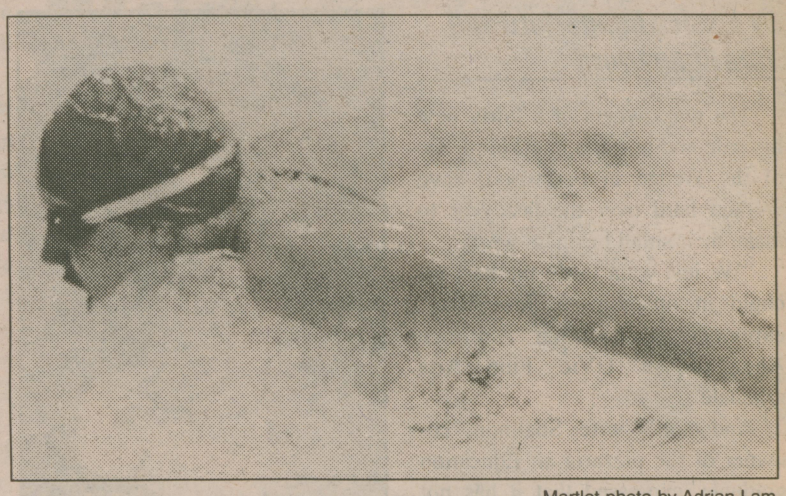
The Canada West finals are qualifying races that provide the opportunity to gauge the ability of the better swimmers. These individuals can then qualify to compete in the CIAU championships, a competition to which UVic is sending four men and 10 women.

Other goals for further competitions include going to the summer trials of the Commonwealth Games.

"Of the nine competitors interested in going to the trials, three or four will probably make it to the actual competition," said Vizsolyi.

Regardless of these future competitions, the swimmers are still very much focussed on swimming for UVic and competing in the CIAU finals, February 20-22, in Quebec.

By continuing to focus on individual success first and foremost, the UVic swimmers are sure to do well at the CIAU finals, and perhaps continue on with record-breaking tradition.



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A UVic swimmer comes up for a breath during Canada West Championship races at the Saanich Commonwealth Pool.

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The starting line at the Saanich Commonwealth pool during Canada West finals last weekend.

Record Breakers

Christin Petelski- First place in Senior Women's 200m Breaststroke; 2:30.00
Josee Dubois- 2nd place in Senior Women's 200 m Breaststroke; 2:30.41
Previous CIAU record: 2:45.24

Philip Weiss- First place in Senior Men's 200m Breaststroke; 2:17.57
Previous CIAU record: 2:25.42

Jocelyn Minter- Fifth Place in Senior Women's 100m Backstroke; 1:07.41
Previous CIAU record: 1:07.46

Kerry Wright- Sixth place in Senior Men's 100m Backstroke; 1:00.03
Previous CIAU record: 59.29

Marlena Prill- Third place in Senior Women's 400m Free; 4:28.33
Catrin Jones- Fourth place in Senior Women's 400m Free; 4:29.21
Regan Petelski- Sixth place in Senior Women's 400m Free; 4:35.83
Previous CIAU record: 4:36.07

Vikes Swimming Canada West Final Results

Individuals

Catrin Jones- Third place in Senior Women's 800m Free
Fourth Place in Senior Women's 200m Fly
Justin Hardiman- Third place in Senior Men's 1500m Free
Marlena Prill- Second place in Women's 400m Individual Medley
Third place in Women's 100m, 200m Individual Fly
Josee Dubois- Third place in Women's 400m Individual Medley
Third place in Woman's 100m Breaststroke
Fouth place in Senior Women's 200m Individual Medley
Philip Weiss- First place in Men's 400m Individual Medley
First place in Senior Men's 200m Fly
First place in Senior Men's 200m Breaststroke
Jocelyn Minter- Third place in Women's 200m Backstroke
Rick Say- Fourth place in Men's 50m Free
Third place in Men's 200m Free
Third place in Senior Men's 100m Free
Kerry Wright- Fourth place in Men's 200m Backstroke
Christin Petelski- Second place in Women's 100m Breaststroke
Regan Petelski- Fourth place in Women's 200m Free
Alison Barriscale- Third place in Senior Women's 200m Individual Medley

Relays

Senior Women's 800m Free Relay- Silver Medal
Senior Men's 800m Free Relay- Fourth place
Women's 400m Free Relay- Sixth place
Men's 400m Free Relay-Fifth place
Jocelyn Minter, Alison Barriscale, Christin Petelski, Regan Petelski- Second place in Senior Women's 400m Medley; 4:26.56

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UVic's Hinrichsen still out

by Jon Reimer

Fans at McKinnon Gym last weekend must have felt like they were watching a special screening of Scream 3.

The men's basketball team provided fans with three horrifying scenes before coming away with a pair of Canada West victories over the No.9 - ranked Lethbridge Pronghorns.

It started Friday, when UVic let the Pronghorns climb back from a 21 - point first-half deficit. Then injury-plagued Eric Hinrichsen came back out for the second half on crutches. The final fright show came Saturday when UVic again let the opposition come back from a large deficit.

Fortunately UVic survived all three scares, including the injury to Hinrichsen. X-rays taken Monday were negative, so last year's CIAU MVP is expected to miss this weekend's games against Alberta, but should be back the following week.

"It was just a pinched nerve," said Vikes assistant coach Mike Connolly after Monday's practice.

While the Vikes have been able to keep their No.1 spot in the CIAU rankings, Hinrichsen's presence in the starting rotation would be a welcome addition.

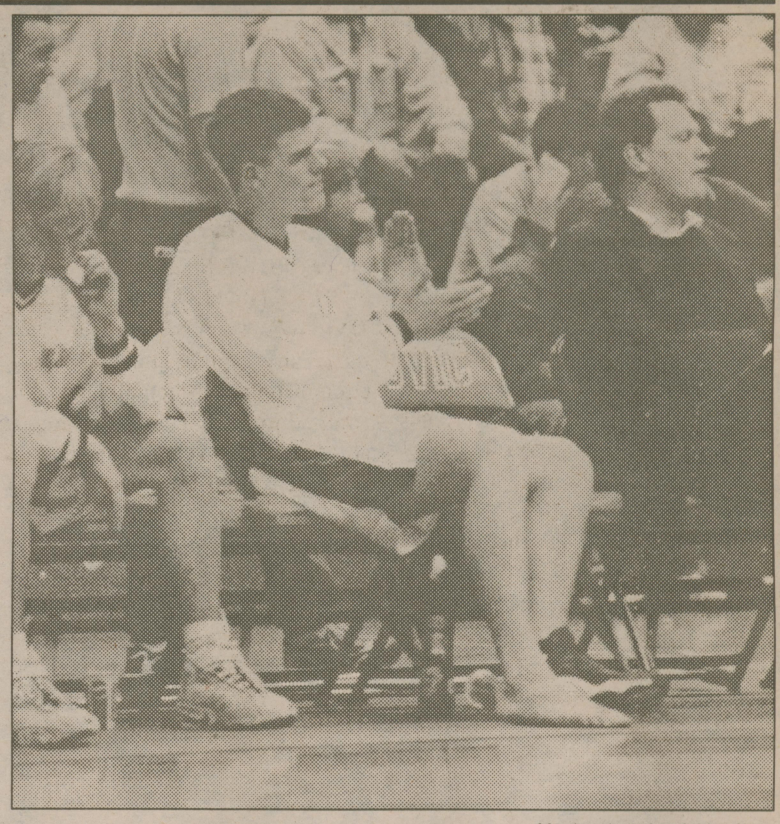
Hinrichsen entered Friday's game only to find himself back on the injury list eight minutes later after reinjuring his foot. Despite the loss of their star centre, the Vikes, led by Seth Adler's 21 points, won the game 93 -90.

On Saturday, Aaron Olson and Tyler Bates led the Vikes with 20 points each to a 97 - 90 victory over Lethbridge. In both games the Vikes began holding big leads but were barely able to hang onto a lead until the end.

UVic built up a lead of 19 points in the last seven minutes of the game only to break down and find Lethbridge within three points of them with 10 seconds remaining in the game. The team's inability to put away the game was a cause for concern for head coach Guy Vetrie.

"If this trend was to continue, I'd start worrying. We can't let the opposition back in games like that too often. It's bad for my heart, and if it continues, it will be bad for the team. But this is an experienced team and we know how to win close games," said Vetrie.

UVic takes their No. 1 ranking to Edmonton this weekend to take on the University of Alberta Golden Bears.



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Eric Hinrichsen cheers his team on from the bench after eight minutes of playing time proved too much for his foot.

Women's b-ball crushes Pronghorns, stays No. 1

By Jeff Rea

The Vikes women's basketball team managed to maintain their position on top of the Canada West conference with two impressive victories over the Lethbridge Pronghorns this weekend.

The Vikes improved their season record to 8-2 in league play with a 78-45 win Friday and a crushing 96-34 victory on Saturday.

The Vikes were once again lead by National Team member Lisa Koop. The 5'9" fifth year guard tallied 50 points in the two outings, shooting 71% from the field and hitting on every trip to the line.

Koop, who opened Friday's game with a three-point play only two seconds in, had 18 of her 26-point game by the half-time. The Vikes' 44-20 lead at the break would prove to be insurmountable for the Pronghorns.

Saturday was an even more decisive win for the defending Canada West champions. Koop set the pace for the home team, scoring 16 points in the first nine minutes of the game. The Vikes lead by 30 points at the half, before opening the final twenty minutes with 12 unanswered points.

This big lead early in the game allowed the Vikes to give the bench some playing time in the second frame.

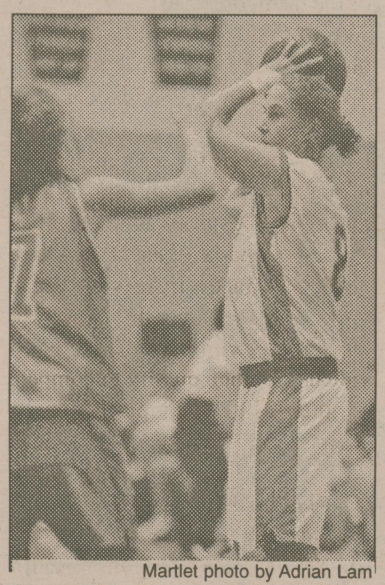
Second-year guards Joanna Holdsworth and Kim Johnson looked strong with 15 and 13 points respectively, and third-year point guard Kim Osland looked comfortable leading the offense.

The young bench tallied 52 of the of the team's 96 points, an impressive game statistic.

With an 8-2 record for the first half of the season, the Vikes are favoured to capture home court advantage in the Canada West playoffs. The Vikes dropped two of their last four games before this weekend, both resulting from splits at Calgary and UBC.

However, despite these two losses, UVic has improved their home record to 6-0, which includes two victories over the 7-3 University of Alberta Pandas.

The Vikes travel to Edmonton for a two-game set against the Pandas next weekend.



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Megan Dalziel looks to pass in an attempt to score against Lethbridge.

Canada West Standings

VOLLEYBALL

Men's

	MW	ML	GW	GL
Sask	14	2	44	16
Alberta	12	4	40	15
UBC	9	7	32	30
Calgary	7	9	33	30
Victoria	3	13	17	39

Women's

	MW	ML	GW	GL
Alberta	12	4	41	15
UBC	12	4	40	20
Sask	9	7	32	23
Calgary	5	11	19	36
Victoria	1	15	6	47

BASKETBALL

Men's

	G	W	L	P
Victoria	10	10	0	20
Lethbridge	10	7	3	14
Alberta	10	6	4	12
UBC	10	4	6	8
Calgary	10	2	8	4
Sask	10	1	9	2

Women's

	G	W	L	P
Victoria	10	8	2	16
Alberta	10	7	3	14
Calgary	10	7	3	14
UBC	10	5	5	10
Sask	10	2	8	4
Lethbridge	10	1	9	2

The week ahead

Volleyball:

UVic vs. UBC

Friday, Jan. 23
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The struggle has already started

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Music

Fridaymusic featuring School of Music students in a program for various instruments. Fri., Jan. 23 @ 12:30 p.m. in Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. By donation.

For the Sake of Music: Gala Benefit Concert premiering the UVic Gala Orchestra. Sat., Jan. 24 @ 8 p.m. in Farquhar Auditorium. Tix $50. For tix and info call 721-7903.

Other Stuff

Resolved to save the planet? Start on Mount Tolmie! Broom Bash – Sunday January 25 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Follow pink tape, bring gloves/water. For info call Eric 595-7270.

SUPERBOWL PARTY: Sun., Jan. 25 @ 3 p.m. at Caddy's. Door prizes. All ages. Tix $5.

Notices

Blood Donor Clinic: Jan. 28, 29 & 30 from 10:30 to 3:30 in University Centre.

Young Women of Distinction Nominations Now Accepted for the 1998 Women of Distinction Awards: Nominate a woman in your community for her achievements and efforts. Call 386-7511 or drop by the YWCA. Deadline is February 27.

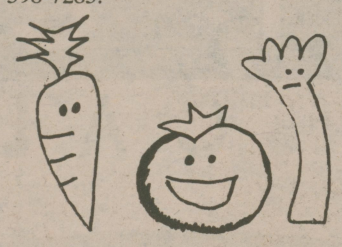
Attention All Queers & Those Who are Straight Not Narrow: The Groovy Collective is seeking Volunteers to help with the 2nd Annual GrooveFest Anti-Fashion Show & Silent Art Auction on Feb. 14 at Vertigo (all ages). We also need Anti-Models, Performers and Art Donations. Call 721-8353 for more info.

The **Native Student's Union** was never officially consulted on a petition that is being circulated to re-allocate UVic Students Society SUB completion funding. At this time, we do not support the petition, especially in respect to Section 2 b) a $5 per term student donation to the Native Student's Union to fund the building of a Longhouse/NSU Centre.

UVSS and UVSS Women's Centre are hosting **free computer training workshops for women** on Jan. 24 (word-processing) and 31 (e-mail and internet use). Workshops run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Cle A051. To register call 721-8369.

Clubs & Course Unions

Nightshifters Club Meetings: Thurs., @ 7:45 p.m. in the George and Ida Halpern Centre for Graduate Students. For info call Paul Farrell 598-7285.



Native Vegetation Committee (VIPIRG) Meetings: Weds., 9:30 a.m. in SUB B028. For info call 721-8629.

International Socialists Meetings: Thurs. @ 7:30 p.m. in SUB Upper Lounge.

Pacific and Asian Studies Students Society Meetings: Weds. @ 12:30 p.m. in CleB135.

Classifieds

For Sale

Two tickets to **Riverdance** for Sat., Feb. 14. 472-1475.

Kenwood Stereo. Receiver. 5 disc CD player. Paradigm speakers and stands. Remote. $700. 386-5904.

LSAT Package: 10 tests, unmarked, 4 texts. $100 for all. Also, Purcell's "Guide to CDN. Law Schools," $15. 592-7725.

Spalding Top Flite Golf Clubs: 3 iron to Pitching Wedge, 1 & 3 woods, balls & bag. Need driving range money for new clubs. First $40 takes all! Kevin 995-3280.

1998 Callaway. Biggest Bertha Irons Titanium & Tungsten Heads with Graphite Shafts, 3-PW. Never used $2500 obo. Frank 477-8140.

Help Wanted

Classical Violinist needed for May wedding. (1 hr). Fee negotiable. Please call Sylvia 479-6942.

TRAVEL-teach English: 5 day/40 hr (May 27-31) TESOL teacher certification course (or by correspondence). 1000's of jobs available NOW. FREE information package.
Call toll free 1-888-270-2941.

Help Available

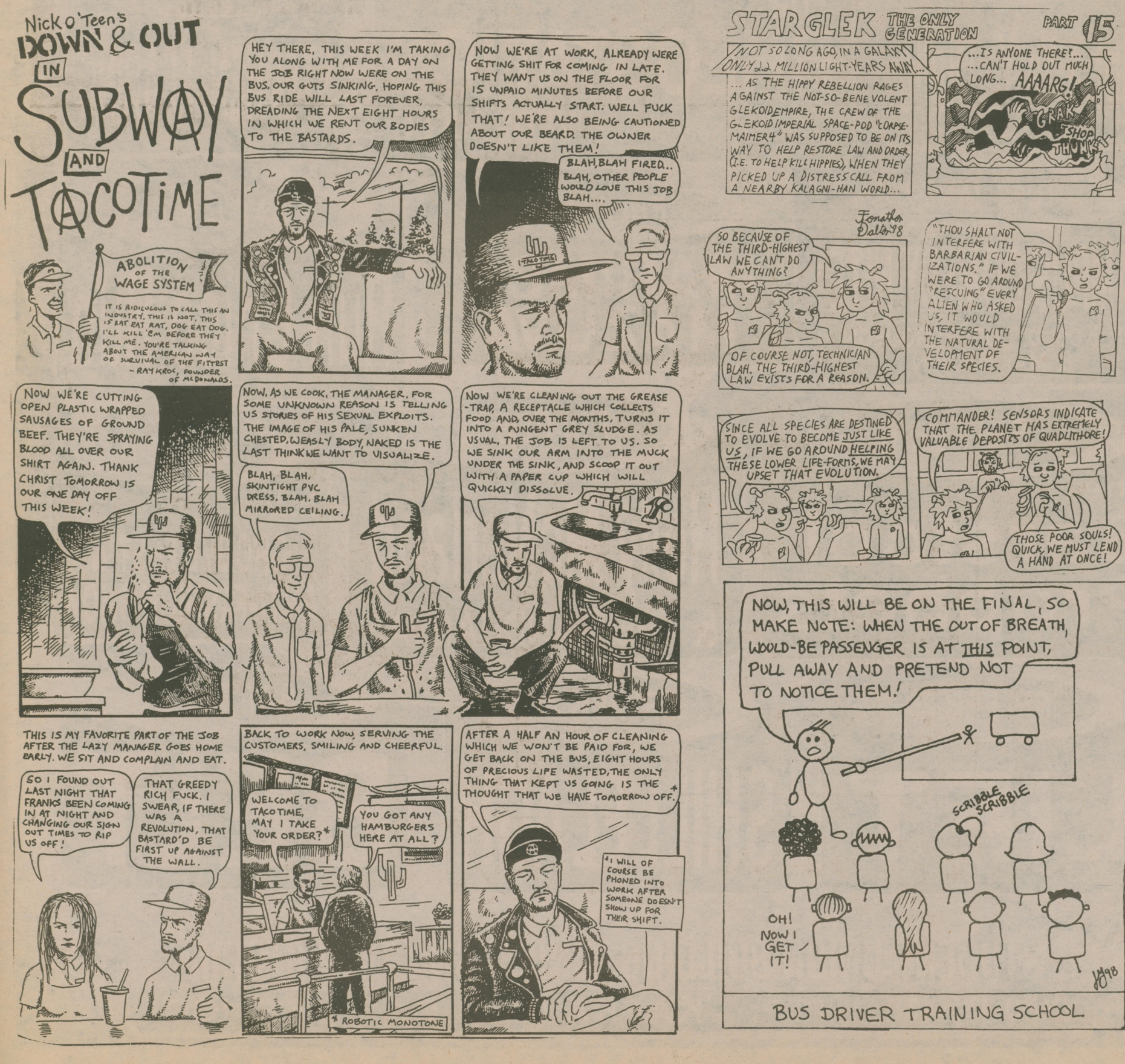
Professional writer will help with essay writing, proof-reading, etc. Margaret 381-1058.

English Tutor available for help with ESL, essay writing and proof-reading. Reasonable rates. Call Bente 592-8340.

French Tutoring from native speaker. Written or conversational. Call Marcel at 544-1463.

Lost

Black Leather Hat: lost Weds., Jan. 7 in the library or Cle A303. Huge sentimental value. $50 reward. Call D.B. 472-0241, dbberger@uvic.ca.


Nick O'Teen's
DOWN & OUT IN SUBWAY AND TACOTIME
ABOLITION OF THE WAGE SYSTEM
IT IS RIDICULOUS TO CALL THIS AN INDUSTRY. THIS IS NOT. THIS IS RAT EAT RAT, DOG EAT DOG. I'LL KILL 'EM BEFORE THEY KILL ME. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE AMERICAN WAY OF SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST - RAY KROC, FOUNDER OF McDONALDS.
HEY THERE, THIS WEEK I'M TAKING YOU ALONG WITH ME FOR A DAY ON THE JOB RIGHT NOW WERE ON THE BUS. OUR GUTS SINKING, HOPING THIS BUS RIDE WILL LAST FOREVER, DREADING THE NEXT EIGHT HOURS IN WHICH WE RENT OUR BODIES TO THE BASTARDS.
NOW WE'RE AT WORK, ALREADY WERE GETTING SHIT FOR COMING IN LATE. THEY WANT US ON THE FLOOR FOR 15 UNPAID MINUTES BEFORE OUR SHIFTS ACTUALLY START. WELL FUCK THAT! WE'RE ALSO BEING CAUTIONED ABOUT OUR BEARD. THE OWNER DOESN'T LIKE THEM!
BLAH, BLAH FIRED.. BLAH, OTHER PEOPLE WOULD LOVE THIS JOB BLAH....
TACO TIME
NOW WE'RE CUTTING OPEN PLASTIC WRAPPED SAUSAGES OF GROUND BEEF. THEY'RE SPRAYING BLOOD ALL OVER OUR SHIRT AGAIN. THANK CHRIST TOMORROW IS OUR ONE DAY OFF THIS WEEK!
NOW, AS WE COOK, THE MANAGER, FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON IS TELLING US STORIES OF HIS SEXUAL EXPLOITS. THE IMAGE OF HIS PALE, SUNKEN CHESTED, WEASLY BODY, NAKED IS THE LAST THING WE WANT TO VISUALIZE.
BLAH, BLAH, SKINTIGHT PVC DRESS. BLAH. BLAH MIRRORED CEILING.
NOW WE'RE CLEANING OUT THE GREASE-TRAP, A RECEPTACLE WHICH COLLECTS FOOD AND, OVER THE MONTHS, TURNS IT INTO A PUNGENT GREY SLUDGE. AS USUAL, THE JOB IS LEFT TO US. SO WE SINK OUR ARM INTO THE MUCK UNDER THE SINK, AND SCOOP IT OUT WITH A PAPER CUP WHICH WILL QUICKLY DISSOLVE.
THIS IS MY FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB AFTER THE LAZY MANAGER GOES HOME EARLY. WE SIT AND COMPLAIN AND EAT.
SO I FOUND OUT LAST NIGHT THAT FRANKS BEEN COMING IN AT NIGHT AND CHANGING OUR SIGN OUT TIMES TO RIP US OFF!
THAT GREEDY RICH FUCK. I SWEAR, IF THERE WAS A REVOLUTION, THAT BASTARD'D BE FIRST UP AGAINST THE WALL.
BACK TO WORK NOW, SERVING THE CUSTOMERS, SMILING AND CHEERFUL.
WELCOME TO TACO TIME, MAY I TAKE YOUR ORDER?*
YOU GOT ANY HAMBURGERS HERE AT ALL?
* ROBOTIC MONOTONE
AFTER A HALF AN HOUR OF CLEANING WHICH WE WON'T BE PAID FOR, WE GET BACK ON THE BUS, EIGHT HOURS OF PRECIOUS LIFE WASTED, THE ONLY THING THAT KEPT US GOING IS THE THOUGHT THAT WE HAVE TOMORROW OFF.
I WILL OF COURSE BE PHONED INTO WORK AFTER SOMEONE DOESN'T SHOW UP FOR THEIR SHIFT.
STARGLEK THE ONLY GENERATION PART 15
NOT SO LONG AGO, IN A GALAXY ONLY 2.2 MILLION LIGHT-YEARS AWAY...
... AS THE HIPPY REBELLION RAGES AGAINST THE NOT-SO-BENEVOLENT GLEKOID EMPIRE, THE CREW OF THE GLEKOID IMPERIAL SPACE-POD "CORPSE-MAIMER 4" WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ON ITS WAY TO HELP RESTORE LAW AND ORDER, (I.E. TO HELP KILL HIPPIES), WHEN THEY PICKED UP A DISTRESS CALL FROM A NEARBY KALAGNI-HAN WORLD...
...IS ANYONE THERE?... ...CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONG... AAAARG!
GRAK
SHOP THONK
Jonatha Dalton '98
SO BECAUSE OF THE THIRD-HIGHEST LAW WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING?
OF COURSE NOT, TECHNICIAN BLAH. THE THIRD-HIGHEST LAW EXISTS FOR A REASON.
"THOU SHALT NOT INTERFERE WITH BARBARIAN CIVILIZATIONS." IF WE WERE TO GO AROUND "RESCUING" EVERY ALIEN WHO ASKED US, IT WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE NATURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SPECIES.
SINCE ALL SPECIES ARE DESTINED TO EVOLVE TO BECOME JUST LIKE US, IF WE GO AROUND HELPING THESE LOWER LIFE-FORMS, WE MAY UPSET THAT EVOLUTION.
COMMANDER! SENSORS INDICATE THAT THE PLANET HAS EXTREMELY VALUABLE DEPOSITS OF QUADLITHORE!
THOSE POOR SOULS! QUICK, WE MUST LEND A HAND AT ONCE!
NOW, THIS WILL BE ON THE FINAL, SO MAKE NOTE: WHEN THE OUT OF BREATH, WOULD-BE PASSENGER IS AT THIS POINT, PULL AWAY AND PRETEND NOT TO NOTICE THEM!
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
OH! NOW I GET IT!
BUS DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOL

VERTIGO

NIGHT CLUB

JAN-FEB CALENDER

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SAT JAN 31
Run Chico Run

FRI FEB 6
The Barstool Prophets

FRI FEB 13
Holly McNarland & THE GANDHARVAS

SAT FEB 14
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